

13 September 2024

NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
Locked Bag 5022
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Attention: Chris Ritchie, Executive Director – Energy, Resources and Industry Assessments

Dear Chris,

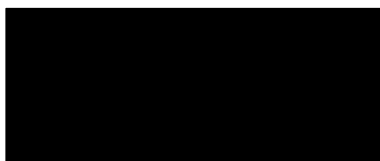
RE: STRATFORD RENEWABLE ENERGY HUB – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The enclosed Environmental Impact Statement for the Stratford Renewable Energy Hub (the Project) has been prepared for Gloucester Coal Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Yancoal Australia Ltd (Yancoal), by Resource Strategies Pty Ltd.

As you would be aware, the Project was declared to be Critical State Significant Infrastructure on 19 June 2024 on the basis that the Project *“will help maintain the state’s critical energy security and continue the essential energy supply to homes and businesses during peak-demands periods as coal-fired sources close.”*

The Environmental Impact Statement provides Yancoal’s development intentions and commitments regarding environmental management and monitoring for the Project, as required by the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements and the NSW State Significant Infrastructure Guideline.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Jacobs

Executive General Manager – Environment & External Affairs
Yancoal Australia Ltd

Submission of Environmental Impact Statement – Declaration

Project Details	
Project Name	Stratford Renewable Energy Hub
Application Number	SSI-73368213
Address of the land on which the development is to be carried out	3364 The Bucketts Way, Stratford, NSW 2422
Proponent Details	
Proponent name	Gloucester Coal Pty Ltd
Proponent address	Level 18, Darling Park Tower 2 201 Sussex Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Details of Person by Whom this EIS was Prepared	
Name	James Steele
Address	Post Office Box 1842 MILTON QLD 4064
Professional qualification	BE (Env)
Declaration by Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner	
Name	James Steele
Registration number	R80012
Organisation registered with	EIANZ
Declaration	The undersigned declares that this EIS: • has been prepared in accordance with the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021</i>; • contains all available information relevant to the environmental assessment of the development, activity or infrastructure to which the EIS relates; • does not contain information that is false or misleading; • addresses the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) for the project; • identifies and addresses the relevant statutory requirements for the project, including any relevant matters for consideration in environmental planning instruments; • has been prepared having regard to the Department's <i>State Significant infrastructure Guidelines - Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement</i>; • contains a simple and easy to understand summary of the project as a whole, having regard to the economic, environmental and social impacts of the project and the principles of ecologically sustainable development; • contains a consolidated description of the project in a single chapter of the EIS; • contains an accurate summary of the findings of any community engagement; and • contains an accurate summary of the detailed technical assessment of the impacts of the project as a whole.
Signature	
Date	13/09/24

Key specialist studies for the Stratford Renewable Energy Hub have been prepared by the following consultants.

Soils, Land and Agriculture Assessment	Clayton Richards B.Nat Res, Grad Dip Ed, Cert IV Trainer, CPSS MineSoils Pty Ltd	
Surface Water Assessment	Matthew Briody BE (Civil) (Hons) RPEQ HydroBalance	
Groundwater Assessment	Ines Epari MSc (Environmental Engineering), BSc (Environmental Engineering) SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd	
Biodiversity Development Assessment Report	James Baldry BBioCons, MConsBiol, Accredited Biodiversity Assessment Methodology Assessor GHD Pty Ltd	
Aquatic Ecology Assessment,	Zoe Lagerroth BSc (Ecology and Statistics) (Hons) GHD Pty Ltd	
Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	Laura Farrell MSc, BAgSc(Hons) Registered Landscape Architect – Australian Institute of Landscape Architects GHD Pty Ltd	
Aboriginal and Cultural Heritage Assessment	Jamie Reeves BA (Hons) (Archaeology)	
Historic Heritage Assessment	Niche Environment and Heritage Pty Ltd	
Road Transport Assessment	Penny Dalton BE (Civil) (Hons) The Transport Planning Partnership Pty Ltd	
Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment	Martin Davenport MDesSc (Acoustics), MAAS SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd	
Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Assessment	Shane Lakmaker BTech (Atmospheric Science) Airen Consulting	
Social Impact Assessment	Dr Mark Sargent MMktg, MBA (Merit), PhD Aigis Group	
Economic Assessment	Dr Stephen Beare BSc, MSc, PhD AnalytEcon Pty Ltd	
Bushfire Management Assessment	David Peterson BEnvSc (Hons), GradDipDes (Bushfire Prone Areas) Peterson Bushfire	
Groundwater Assessment Peer Review	Dr Noel Merrick BSc, MSc, PhD (Geophysics and Hydrogeology) HydroAlgorithmics Pty Ltd	