

Our ref: J212

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Director, Mining and Industry Projects  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
GPO Box 39  
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Attention: Ms Naomi Montalto

Dear Naomi

**Re: DA 177-8-2004 MOD 2 - Locomotive Refuelling Facility for QR National - Clarification of train movements.**

I advise that Wells Environmental Services act on behalf of the proponent Wambo Coal Pty Limited (WCPL) for MOD 2 of DA 177-8-2004 (as amended). MOD 2 facilitates the construction and operation of a locomotive refuelling station on the Wambo Coal rail loop, to be operated by QR National Pty Limited.

DA 177-8-2004 for the WCPL rail and coal loading infrastructure at the Wambo Coal Mine limits coal haulage on the rail loop to 15Mtpa, with no restriction on the number of coal trains. The SEE titled *Proposed Alterations to the Wambo Development Project - Rail and Train Loading Infrastructure for DA 177-8-2004* (Resource Strategies Pty Ltd, 2004) noted that the train loading system would be designed to load trains at a rate of 4,500tph, therefore each train would take approximately two hours to load.

The application for DA 177-8-2004 MOD 2 sought to construct and establish a train refuelling facility to service QR National trains being loaded with coal on the WCPL rail loop. The Environmental Assessment Report (EA) supporting the modification (Wells Environmental Services, May 2011) noted that a peak of six (6) trains per day would use the loop, with approximately two thirds of these trains needing to refuel. These levels were intended to describe the use of the refuelling facility and potential impacts based on QR National's rail haulage levels, they were not intended to apply universally to train haulage approved by DA 177-8-2004. QR National do not propose to refuel more than six (6) trains per day. The EA assessed impacts associated with this level of refuelling activity.

We propose that conditional wording of the modified consent be as follows:

6. The Applicant shall:
  - (a) not transport more than 15 million tonnes of product coal via this development each year;
  - (b) only permit trains being loaded with coal at the Wambo loading facilities to utilise the refuelling infrastructure; and
  - (c) restrict the number of trains utilising the refuelling infrastructure to a maximum of 6 trains on any day.

*Note: For the purposes of this condition, a day refers to the 24 hours from midnight to midnight the next day.*

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Wording of the modified consent as above maintains the existing approved haulage levels approved under DA 177-8-2004, while also ensuring that the use of the refuelling infrastructure remains consistent with the assessed levels of impact.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 02 4934 6588 or Mr Lachlan Crawford of Wambo Coal Pty Ltd on 6570 2206.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Berry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Jonathan Berry**  
**Wells Environmental Services**