

APPENDIX 5: Consultation Letters

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19 October 2011

Ms Julie Moloney
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Minerals and Energy Division
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HUNTER REGIONAL MAIL CENTRE NSW 2310

Dear Ms Moloney,

Re: DA 376-8-2003 – Bulga Underground Coal Mine**Proposed Modification under Section 75W – Blakefield North Underground Mine Project**

Location: Bulga Underground Mine, Bulga, NSW
Proponent: Bulga Coal Management Pty Ltd

We refer to the Preliminary Environmental Assessment and our letter dated 26 September 2011 in relation to the above matter.

Please find attached, for your records, a letter dated 7 October 2011 we received from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI). As per the attached letter, the DoPI will not be writing directly to you seeking any advices/comments to assist with the preparation of the Director-General's Requirements (DGRs).

In light of the above we invite you to provide any advices/comments (including any agency specific environmental assessment requirements) directly to GSS Environmental.

We thank you for your assistance with this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

GSS Environmental

David Humphris
Associate Environmental Planner

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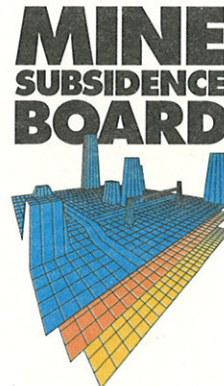
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ATTENTION: DAVID HUMPHRIS

24 October 2011

Dear David

ENQUIRY NO. TENQ11-07633S1
PEA - BLAKEFIELD NORTH UNDERGROUND MINE PROJECT

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the above proposal.

As the proposed gas generation plant is in a proclaimed Mine Subsidence District approval should be sought from the Board at the appropriate time.

The Board accepts the rationale that by increasing the longwall panels from 265m to 400m that strains, tilts and subsidence will increase. Bulga Coal should seek expert advice to confirm that surface improvements will remain safe, serviceable and repairable.

The Mine Subsidence Board offers to continue to work with Bulga Coal on Managemet Plans, possible mitigation measures and repairs when required.

Yours faithfully

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Attention: Mr David Humphris

**BROKE ROAD (MR181): PROPOSED MODIFICATION UNDER SECTION 75W –
BLAKEFIELD NORTH UNDERGROUND MINE PROJECT – BULGA UNDERGROUND
MINE , BULGA – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Mr Humphris

I refer to your letter dated 26 September 2011 requesting advice from the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) in relation to the preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the subject project.

The RTA's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, the RTA has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. Broke Road is a classified (Regional) road and Charlton Road is a local road. Council is the roads authority for Broke Road, Charlton Road and all other public roads in the area.

The RTA has reviewed the information provided and would require the proponent to undertake a comprehensive Traffic Impact Study to identify the likely impacts and any subsequent traffic management and road upgrade requirements. The study shall be prepared in accordance with the RTA's *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments* and is to include, but not be limited to, the following:


- Identify all relevant vehicular traffic routes and intersections for any accesses to / from the sites for both the operation and construction phases of the project.
- Current traffic counts for the above traffic routes and intersections.
- Estimated light and heavy vehicular traffic generation and distribution for each stage of the construction and operation phases.

- A comprehensive Construction Traffic Management Plan shall be prepared to identify measures to minimise the impacts of construction traffic on the road network.
- Traffic analysis of any major / relevant intersections impacted, using SIDRA or similar traffic model, including:
 - Current traffic counts
 - 95th percentile back of queue lengths on all legs.
 - Delays and level of service on all legs.
 - Use of SIDRA or similar traffic model.
 - Electronic input / output data files for RTA review.
- Any other impacts upon the regional and state road network and bridges, including consideration of pedestrian, cyclist and public transport facilities shall be addressed.

The RTA encourages the proponent to discuss the above issues early in the EIS process, with the RTA, Singleton Council and other relevant authorities. Further details and requirements will be provided on receipt of the above information.

If you have any queries please contact me on (02) 4924 0688.

Yours sincerely



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Hunter Region

21 October 2011

Cc General Manager
Singleton Council

Cc David Kitto
Department of Planning and Infrastructure