

Our Ref: DOC18/818214

Melissa Anderson
Environmental Assessment Officer, Resource Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

By email: melissa.anderson@planning.nsw.gov.au

Newstan Colliery Development Project – Modification 8 to DA 73-11-98

Dear Melissa,

I refer to the Department of Planning and Environment – Resources Assessments (DPE – Resources & Assessment) email dated 2 October 2018 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide a response to the Newstan Colliery Development Project – Modification 8 to DA 73-11-98.

Centennial Newstan Pty Ltd (Newstan) has submitted a modification application for Newstan Colliery (DA 73-11-98) and the proposed modification involves:

1. **Project life:** Extending the approval life of DA 73-11-98 for a further 12 months to July 2021;
2. **Mining Area and Mining Method:** The proposed first workings would be undertaken within the West Borehole seam throughout an area of approximately 229 hectares, which is the current Newstan Colliery Holding Boundary. The proposed first workings would be undertaken within a 229 ha area, of which 193 ha is not within the current consolidated development consent boundary for DA 73-11-98;
3. **Coal Production:** The proposed modification is seeking to extract up to 2 Mt from the proposed first working area. There would be no change to the approved extraction limit of 4 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) for the Newstan Colliery.

The Resources Regulator advises that the Newstan/Awaba area is prone to the development and/or reactivation of sinkholes. Appropriate management and mitigation measures to minimise the potential for any residual or re-activation of impacts associated with the proposed modification would be required with the Mining Operations Plan (MOP) required under the conditions of the mining authority.

The Resource Regulator has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of the mining authorities under the *Mining Act 1992*.

The Resources Regulator requests a review of the draft development consent conditions prior to finalisation and any granting of development consent.

For enquiries regarding this matter please contact me on 4063 6444 or minres.environment@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Newton', with a stylized, cursive script.

On behalf of
Matthew Newton
Director Compliance Operations
Resources Regulator
NSW Department of Planning and Environment

26 October 2018