



## Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Dawson

### **Glendell Mine (DA 80/952 MOD 3) Comment on the Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your email dated 17 August to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sort from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to [landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

The Department has reviewed the Environmental Assessment and provides the following comments.

The modification includes the relocation of a powerline within the DA 80/952 project boundary but outside the disturbance boundary with Figure 4 depicting the conceptual powerline easement.

The proposed powerline relocation includes works within waterfront land and the traversing of watercourses. As noted in the Environmental Assessment, Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2011* provides an exemption from the requirement to hold a controlled activity approval for activities carried out in accordance with a right in force under the *Mining Act 1992*. However DPI recommends that DPI Water Guidelines for Controlled Activities are considered for any activities on waterfront land.

DPI understands some vegetation clearing is required in accordance with Ausgrid Vegetation Protocols. For disturbance on waterfront land, areas of temporary clearing should be restored and areas of permanent clearing should be offset via appropriate revegetation works, consistent with the DPI Water Guidelines.

The Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) should be updated to include appropriate riparian revegetation works, consistent with the Guidelines. It is noted that section 8.1.3 of the EA states that the BMP will be updated to include a designation of a 4 ha area which was previously approved for disturbance, however it is recommended that the total area of riparian vegetation which is removed is also offset via revegetation works with riparian corridor widths in line with the DPI Water guidelines. This offsetting and maintenance should occur in consultation with DPI Water.

DPI also notes analysis undertaken in relation to the preferred route described in section 4.5. It is demonstrated in Table 3 that DPI Water recommended that the EA include robust justification for the selected alignment and alternatives considered. It is noted that the alternative routes are not described in detail in the EA, nor is the feasibility assessment of each individual alternative included in the EA. It is recommended that the proponent provide a more robust justification for the selection of the preferred route.

It is understood that the geotechnical investigations previously undertaken have indicated that the project will not involve any interception of the water table, as such groundwater impacts or licensing are not issues that require further consideration in determining this modification. Nevertheless, should the proponent intercept groundwater through this project, DPI Water should be notified immediately.

For further information on controlled activities please see the following link:  
<http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-licensing/approvals/controlled-activity>

Should you require any further information please contact Hannah Grogan, Water Regulation Officer (Newcastle) on (02) 4904 2516.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Isaacs', is positioned above the printed name.

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