UNITED MINEWORKER'S Angus Place Colliery



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Development Assessment Systems and Approvals NSW Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Angus Place Colliery Development Continuity Project (PA06_0021 MOD4)

From our review of the Angus Place Colliery Development Continuity Project, the CFMEU has examined the Environmental Assessment (EA) submitted by Centennial Angus Place and wishes to advise the Department of Planning and Environment of its strong support for continued operations at Angus Place Colliery.

To date, significant effort by Angus Place Colliery has been invested to avoid or minimise potential impacts that could be associated with continued operations. The Modification involves sustained underground development that will be achieved through the continued use of existing surface and underground infrastructure.

Lithgow has a long history with mining and power generation and today the economic base of Lithgow is still recognised as being the energy and resources sector. These sectors are major local employers and subsequently make a significant contribution to the overall economy including retail and accommodation via direct and indirect local employment opportunities. The sustainability of the mining sector and its related employment is vital to the broader economic wellbeing of Lithgow and its surrounding communities.

The Modification will allow for continued operations at Angus Place Colliery, and in addition to sustaining current employment levels, the Modification will enable the integration of the Angus Place Mine Extension Project currently being assessed.

The CFMEU supports the Modification proposed by Centennial Angus Place based on the minimal environmental impacts and significant social and economic benefits to be derived from sustained operations.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Jackson

Angus Place Colliery Lodge CFMEU Secretary United Mineworkers South Western District