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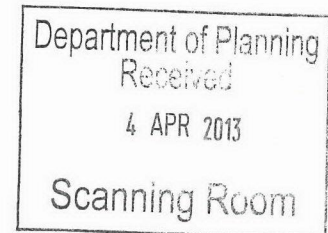
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Dear Ms Butcher

RE: Heritage comments Environmental Assessment for Karuah East Coal Project (MP09_0175) currently on public exhibition.

Reference is made to your emails inviting the Heritage Council to provide comment on the Karuah East Coal project Environmental Assessment currently on public exhibition. It is noted that ADW Johnson provided one hard copy and one electronic copy of this EA to the Heritage Council under separate cover.

The EA outlines that this major project seeks to:

- Extract up to 1.5 million tonnes of hard rock per year for 20 years;
- Construct material processing and storage facilities for use during the projects life;
- Construct supporting infrastructure such as offices, an access road and a weighbridge for use during the projects life time;

Accordingly the Environmental Assessment and its accompanying Appendices (including Appendix J- the Cultural Heritage Assessment by RPS) has been considered and the following comments are provided.

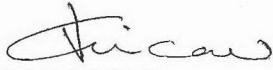
The RPS report notes that no historic heritage was identified as part of heritage assessment of the project area, either through the heritage database search or during the ground survey.

Accordingly, RPS recommend the inclusion of a condition which requires that if, during the course of development works, significant European cultural heritage material is uncovered, work will cease in that area immediately. The OEH will be notified and works only recommenced when an appropriate and approved management strategy has been instigated.

The Applicant has included the above condition as a draft Statement of Commitment. This is considered appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Katrina Stankowski at Katrina.Stankowski@heritage.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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