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Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
Industry Assessments
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Attention: Genevieve Seed

**MANGOOLA COAL CONTINUED OPERATIONS PROJECT – NOTICE OF EXHIBITION
SSD 8642**

Reference is made to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's email dated 15 July 2019, requesting Roads and Maritime Services' (Roads and Maritime) requirements under Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime'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.

It is understood that the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations (MCCO) project will allow for the continuation of mining at Mangoola Coal Mine into a new mining area to the north of the existing operations to extract an additional 52 Mt run of mine Coal.

The MCCO Project will utilise the existing infrastructure, emplacement areas and equipment at Mangoola Coal Mine and includes:

- open cut mining at the same rate as that currently approved (13.5 million tonnes per annum of run of mine (ROM) coal) using truck and excavator mining methods;
- continued operations within the existing Mangoola Coal Mine;
- mining operations in a new mining area located within the MCCO Additional Project Area, to the north of the existing mine;
- construction of a haul road overpass over Big Flat Creek and Wybong Road to provide access from the existing mine to the proposed Additional Mining Area.
- realignment of a portion of Wybong Post Office Road;
- continued use of the mine access for the existing operational mine and access to / from Wybong Road, Wybong Post Office Road or Ridgeland Road to the MCCO Project Area for construction, emergency service and ongoing operational environmental monitoring.

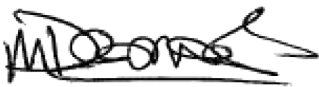
Roads and Maritime response & requirements

Roads and Maritime have reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by Umwelt and dated July 2019, and the Traffic and Transport Report prepared by GHD and dated April 2019, and request the following additional information:

- Details on the location of the car parking area for workers during the construction stage of the project.
- Consideration of any cumulative impacts from any other approved development in the area.
- It is proposed that a temporary bypass road will be built during the construction of the Wybong Road / Big Flat Creek Overpass. Details of the design of this bypass are requested to assess its suitability for large vehicle access.
- The intersection of New England Highway / Denman Road (Sydney Street) has not been included in this assessment. The assessment states that workers travelling to the site from Muswellbrook would access the site via Bengalla Road or Kyuga Road, and workers from Singleton would use Thomas Mitchell Drive. No traffic, including heavy vehicles, have been distributed through the intersection of New England Highway / Denman Road (Sydney Street). Justification for omitting this intersection from the assessment is requested.

Should you require further information please contact Kate Leonard, Development Assessment Officer, on 4908 7688 or by emailing development.hunter@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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