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NSW Government - Planning & Environment

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Dear Sir,

Re: Whitehaven Temporary Road Haulage Increase Modification (EA-RO1-C)

I refer to your correspondence regarding the abovementioned.

The following comments are provided in response to the proposed modification:

- Council and Whitehaven Coal currently have a roads maintenance agreement, with Council contributing 5% to the maintenance cost of Bluevale Road. With the increased traffic movements proposed by the modification, it is proposed that Council's contribution for the road maintenance decrease to 4.38%.
- Road Safety Audit – the submitted Road Safety Audit notes that the right turn storage length on Bluevale Road at Shannon Harbour Road is too short for deceleration from 100km/h posted speed limit and storage of at least one truck. The Whitehaven commitment dismisses the audit observation. It is recommended that the intersection be assessed in accordance with the Austroad Guidelines to determine whether any road works are required as a result of the proposed modification.

The Road Safety Audit also highlighted the current need for increased maintenance and cleaning of the designated haulage route to improve the visibility of signage, guideposts, lane delineation and pavement. It is recommended that Whitehaven increase the maintenance and cleaning of the designated haulage route for the current operations and the proposed increase traffic movements.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Council's Manager Development & Planning, Carolyn Hunt on 6740 2100.

Yours faithfully

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