

File No: NTH10/00161/03

The Director  
Resource Assessments  
Department of Planning & Environment  
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Attention: Stephen Shoesmith – Senior Planning Officer

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Environmental Assessment – Modification to Project Approvals – Increase Annual Road Transport  
Tarrawonga Coal Mine (11\_0047) and Rocglen Coal Mine (10\_0015)**

I refer to your email correspondence of 14 October 2016 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the proposed modification of the abovementioned project approvals.

**Roles and Responsibilities**

The key interests for Roads and Maritime are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure and the integration of land use and transport.

The Kamilaroi Highway (HW29) is a classified (state) road. In accordance with Section 7 of the *Roads Act 1993* Gunnedah Shire Council is the Roads Authority for all public roads along the nominated transport route. Roads and Maritime is the Roads Authority for freeways and has responsibilities for freeways and classified roads in accordance with the Act.

In accordance with Clause 16 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*, Roads and Maritime is given the opportunity to review and provide comment on the subject development application as it involves the transportation of extracted materials on a public road.

**Roads and Maritime Response**

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the supporting Road Transport Assessment and Road Safety Audit. The following comments are provided to assist the Consent Authority in making a determination;

1. It is understood that the proposed modification seeks a temporary increase in the total volume of coal to be transported in the 2017 calendar year to 4 million tonnes per annum.
2. The Road Safety Audit has identified a number of issues for consideration and the Proponent's commitments are noted.
3. The proposal to develop and implement measures to improve the visibility of signage, guideposts, lane delineation and pavement along the designated transport route is supported. Project documents should be updated and submitted to the Consent Authority to demonstrate that appropriate arrangements are in place prior to the proposed increase in haulage movements.
4. It is suggested that all relevant project documents be updated to address the proposed increase in peak transport vehicle movements, in particular the Transport Contractor's Driver Code of Conduct and associated induction procedures.

**Roads and Maritime Services**

5. The Transport Assessment and Road Safety Audit did not comment on the separation distance between intersections on the Kamilaroi Highway. It is unclear if there is sufficient distance to enable acceleration, merging, diverging, deceleration and storage for heavy vehicles manoeuvring between the two intersections. It is suggested that this length be reviewed in accordance with Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and RMS Supplements to determine its suitability for the proposed traffic movements.

Any improvements deemed necessary by the Consent Authority on the Kamilaroi Highway must be designed and constructed in accordance with the current Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and RMS Supplements.

Where the Developer is required to undertake road works on the classified (state) road, a 'Works Authorisation Deed' (WAD) with Roads and Maritime would be required. All works would be undertaken at full cost to the Developer to the satisfaction of Roads and Maritime. Further information on undertaking Private Developments adjacent to classified roads can be accessed on the Roads and Maritime website at:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/planning-principles/index.html>

### **Advice to the Consent Authority**

Upon determination of the proposal it would be appreciated if the Consent Authority could forward a copy of the Project Approval for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Liz Smith, Manager Land Use Assessment on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: [development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au)

Yours faithfully



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for Monica Sirol  
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