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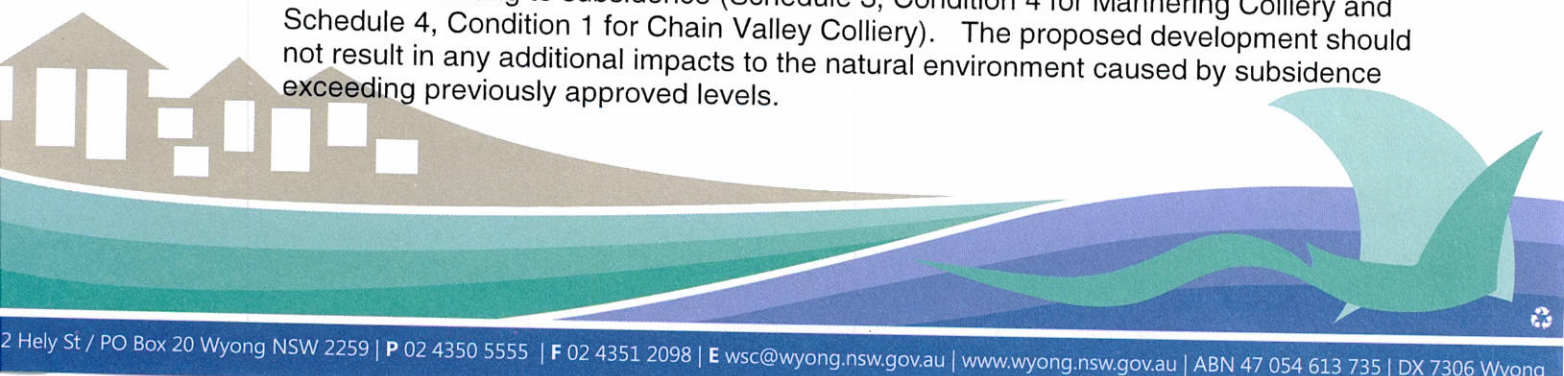
Attention: Director, Mining Projects

Dear Ms Butcher

**Mannering Colliery – Section 75W Modification to MP06_0311 (MOD 2)
Chain Valley Colliery - Section 96 Modification to SSD-5465 (MOD 1)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed modifications to the Mannering Colliery and Chain Valley Colliery as referenced above. Council has reviewed the submitted information and considers that the existing conditions of MP06_0311 and SSD-5465 are adequate to mitigate the impacts of the proposal as they affect the Wyong Local Government Area. However, the following comments are provided for consideration in the assessment of the applications:

- In relation to the Ruttleys Road/Access Road intersection (refer to Schedule 3, Condition No 21 of MP06_0311 (MOD 1) and Appendix D of the Environmental Assessment), it is considered necessary that all works recommended in Table 4-1 of the road safety audit be implemented and reviewed for adequacy prior to any recommencement of operations at the Colliery. This request is consistent with advice previously provided to Centennial Coal by the Department (letter dated 4 June 2013).
- It is noted that the 'Review of Ruttleys Road Intersection Upgrade Commitments' contained in Appendix D of the Environmental Assessment states that the recommendations of the road safety audit have been satisfactorily completed, although Council disagrees with this statement, particularly in relation to Item 7. Item 7 requires the reconstruction/repair of the shoulders on the approaches and departures to the intersection of Ruttleys Road/Access Road to allow vehicles to pass the intersection within the carriageway. The resurfacing that has occurred in this location comprises only a thin pavement for errant cars to regain control, not to pan right turning traffic. The existing pavement conditions do not provide diversion around right turning traffic and it this should be rectified prior to the recommencement of operations at Mannering Colliery.
- It is unclear as to whether or not the proposed works would comply with existing conditions relating to subsidence (Schedule 3, Condition 4 for Mannering Colliery and Schedule 4, Condition 1 for Chain Valley Colliery). The proposed development should not result in any additional impacts to the natural environment caused by subsidence exceeding previously approved levels.



Should you require any further information, please contact Jenny Webb, Senior Development Planner on (02) 4350 5441 or Adam Mularczyk, Team Coordinator, Engineering Assessments on (02) 4350 5496.

Yours faithfully

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Scott Cox

Director

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