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The Director
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Department of Planning & Environment
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Attention: Matthew Riley – Planning Officer

Dear Sir / Madam,

Proposed Modification to Werris Creek Coal Mine Project Approval 10_0059 (MOD_2)

I refer to your email of 23 April 2015 regarding the above proposal referred to Roads and Maritime Services for consideration.

Roles & Responsibilities

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

The Kamilaroi Highway (HW29) is a classified (state) road and Werris Creek Road (MR130) is a classified (regional) road. Liverpool Plains Shire Council is the 'Roads Authority' for these roads and all other public roads in the subject area. Roads and Maritime's concurrence is required prior to Council's approval of works on a classified road under Section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

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 any development application involving the transport of extracted materials on a public road.

Roads and Maritime Response

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the referred Environmental Assessment (EA) and provides the following comments to assist the consent authority in making a determination;

1. The proposed extension of hours in which extracted materials can be transported on public roads would result in additional truck movements through residential areas along the identified haul route between 7pm to 10pm Monday to Friday and 2pm to 6pm on Saturday.

2. The EA identifies that the abovementioned extension of hours will enable transport movements to be condensed to reduce haulage costs. It is stated that this will also reduce the duration of campaign periods when trucks would operate between the mine and the Whitehaven Coal Handling Processing Plant (CHPP) at Gunnedah. It should be noted that this may result in an increase in the total number of daily haulage movements on public roads. Consideration should be given to likely impacts on affected residential areas along the haulage route.
3. The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007* enables the consent authority to request the preparation and adoption of a Code of Conduct relating to the transport of materials on public roads. It is suggested that such a code may address, but not be limited to the following;
 - A map of the primary haulage routes highlighting critical locations
 - Procedures / safety initiatives for truck travelling through residential areas and school zones
 - An induction process for new operators / subcontractors
 - Format of regular briefings / toolbox meetings
 - A complaints resolution and disciplinary procedure
 - Detail of any community consultation measures to address busy haulage periods
4. The EA proposes the transport of water from the mine site to external locations for agricultural purposes. The number, distribution and frequency of deliveries have not been identified in the EA and consideration should be given to addressing any likely impacts arising from transport on public roads.
5. The Kamilaroi Highway intersections with Taylors Lane and the CHPP access road should be capable of safely accommodating deceleration and turning movements for the largest design vehicle used for transport in accordance with the current Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and relevant Roads and Maritime Supplements.
6. Should the Consent Authority require road works on a classified road, then all works are to be designed and constructed in accordance with the current Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and Roads and Maritime Supplements. Please note that any works required on the Kamilaroi Highway, which is a classified (state) road, would be subject to Roads and Maritime's 'Works Authorisation Deed' (WAD) process, further information on the WAD process can be obtained online at:
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/factsheet-development-process.pdf>

Advice to the Consent Authority

Upon determination of the application, it would be appreciated if Council could forward a copy of the Notice of Determination 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.

Yours faithfully



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for Monica Sirol
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