

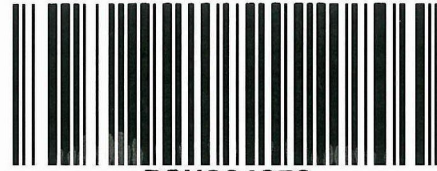


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Dear Mr Phillips

Attention: Carl Dumpleton

RE: Heritage Council comments on the Environmental Assessment on exhibition for the Chain Valley Colliery Continuation project- MP 10_0161.

I refer to your letter dated the 12th of July (received by the Heritage Council on the 13th), requesting any comments the Council may have on the Environmental Assessment currently on exhibition for the Chain Valley Colliery Continuation Project – MP 10_0161. It is noted that you requested AECOM to supply the Council with a copy of the July Environmental Assessment (by AECOM) under separate cover.

Accordingly, the Environmental Assessment has been reviewed and the following comments are supplied:

- It is noted that the Director General's Requirements for this Project require that the EA contains a consideration of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage and the Heritage Impact Assessment (Appendix C) outlines that based on a desk top survey, no items of historic heritage were identified.

As the history of the site indicates that it has been the subject of mining since the 1960s, the Heritage Council concurs with the results of the desk top survey and notes that it is highly unlikely that any historic heritage remains within this landscape.

However, the Heritage Council would like the addition of the following Statement of Commitment which covers the unlikely event of historic heritage being discovered and impacted by the works: *'In the event that any unexpected historic heritage or archaeology is uncovered during the works, all works in the vicinity will stop and a heritage consultant will be contacted to assess the finds. Depending on the results of the assessment further mitigation measures may be required to protect or record this heritage before works recommence. If unexpected 'relics' are located, the Heritage Council will be notified in accordance with S146 of the Heritage Act'*.

Inquiries on this matter may be directed to Katrina Stankowski on 98738569 or via email at Katrina.Stankowski@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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