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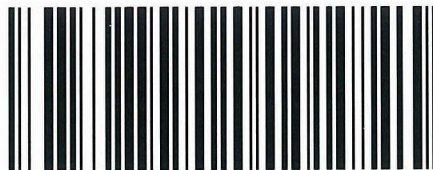
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Dear Mr Reed

MP10_0001 MAJOR PROJECT REFERRAL – COBBORA COAL MINE PROJECT, PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Reference is made to a letter dated 28 September 2012, prepared by EMGA Mitchell McLennan providing a copy the EA report and advising that the above project would be on public exhibition from 5 October Until 16 November 2012. The Heritage Branch has not received a separate referral from the Department of Planning & Infrastructure. The Director-General's Requirements (DGRs) issued for the project included Heritage as a Key issue, and prior comments were made for the EA adequacy review on 16 August 2012.

The EA report for the project has been reviewed. The includes Section 19 'Historic Heritage' of the EA report dated September 2012 and a separate specialist 'Historic Heritage Impact Assessment' (Appendix Q) prepared by EMM dated September 2012. The specialist heritage report indicates that desktop searches and field surveys were undertaken to identify any historic items in proximity to the project. No items of National or State significance were identified. Thirteen (13) items of local significance were identified. A statement of significance and a heritage impact assessment has been prepared for each item. Those have been prepared using relevant Heritage Council guidelines.

Four items will not suffer any impacts from the project. The remaining 9 items will be protected through management measures such as avoidance; archival recording; preparation of a CMP; drainage control measures; fencing and monitoring (including blast monitoring). There will also be preparation of an oral history as part of the Heritage Management Plan. Management recommendations have also been provided for any additional heritage items found during development activities.

The Environmental Assessment includes Historic Heritage measures within the Statement of Commitments for the project and site specific measures would also be included within the Operations Environmental Management Plan.

The measures outlined in the EA report are considered adequate to manage the likely heritage impacts arising from this project if it is approved.

Yours sincerely

16/11/2012

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