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Environment and Development Dept.

25 March 2014



Att: Matthew Riley
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Dear Sir

Submission - Coalpac Modification Projects, Cullen Valley Mine DA200-5-2003 & Invincible Colliery PA07_0127

I refer to the email 26 February 2014 expressing the opportunity for Council to comment on the abovementioned proposals. Council has reviewed the documentation with the following comments:

Proximity: When considering the matter at its meeting of the 24 March 2014, Council wishes to ensure that its previous submissions in relation to buffer distances were reiterated. In this regard Council's submission is that mining should not take place within 500 metres of the village, residences outside of the village and the cemetery.

Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA): Council intends to approach Coalpac Pty Ltd regarding a potential VPA that would be entered into should the proposal gain approval. These contributions would be used for facilities and projects for Cullen Bullen township.

Air Quality: It is also considered that the process of constructing the bund walls (which will help mitigate visual and noise impacts) will have the potential to create additional dust impacts that will need to be appropriately mitigated.

Bund Walls: The EA provides minimal information on the proposed bund walls heights, widths, rehabilitation and construction material. It is considered that further detail will need to be provided on the final design and location of the bund walls. Council would like to be consulted prior to the final approval of the proposed walls especially in relation to visual impacts from residential areas and the Castlereagh Highway. Council considers that the timing of the bund wall construction should either be conditioned or included within the Statement of Commitments including revegetation and stabilisation of soils.

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Subsurface heating: Council acknowledges that a management plan already exists for subsurface heating which will continue to be implemented as part of the project. Council considers that it would be appropriate for such a management plan to include a procedure in the event that old workings are opened up (due to inaccuracies in the old plans showing the existing workings) that may result in subsurface heating elsewhere on site.

Ongoing issues raised by Community Consultative Committee meetings:

Ongoing issues that have been raised through the meetings of the CCC's have included the following:

- Weeds control needs to be ongoing and that a new management plan should be adopted for each site that clearly defines target areas and ongoing active controls;
- The noise of trucks using the haulroad outside designated times should be addressed, which may be through the wording of a condition of consent that the haulroad cannot be used outside of operating hours;
- The cleaning and covering of loads on the trucks entering the Castlereagh Highway has been raised on numerous occasions and should be controlled through a condition of consent. This is to address that all trucks are to be covered prior to leaving the site and washed off. Additionally, that the Castlereagh Highway is cleaned of debris and coal fines on a regular basis to avoid unsafe incidences on the Castlereagh Highway.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Heath on (02) 6354 9999 in Council's Environment and Development Department should you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely



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