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Planning Officer
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Attention: Anna Timbrell

Dear Sir

Proposed Modification to Sunnyside Coal Mine (MP06_0308) – Environmental Assessment

I refer to your letter of 17 July 2015 providing an opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment currently on exhibition.

Roles and 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 Oxley Highway (HW11) is a classified (state) road. Gunnedah Shire Council is the 'Roads Authority' for this road and all other public roads in the subject area. Roads and Maritime manages the approval and delivery of any ancillary road works on a classified (state) road through the Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) process.

In accordance with *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*, Roads and Maritime is given the opportunity to review and provide comment on the subject development application.

Roads and Maritime Response

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the referred information and understands that the modification seeks to extend the life of the existing mine operation until 2020. It is noted that the proposed modification does not seek to change the maximum annual rate of extraction, coal transport haulage routes, hours of operation, employee and/or deliveries.

Roads and Maritime support the recommendations identified in the GTA Traffic and Transport Review dated 19 May 2015 and notes that recommendations have been forwarded to the relevant road authority for consideration.

It is noted that the rehandling of the out of pit waste rock is being undertaken on site and will not generated additional traffic movements.

If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Liz Smith Manager Land Use Assessment on 6640 1362 or email: development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



5 August 2015

for Monica Sirol
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