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376-8-2003 MOD 7

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Dear Ms Evans,

**Bulga Optimisation Project (SSD 4960) MOD 3 and Bulga Underground (DA 376-8-2003) MOD 7 – Muswellbrook Shire Council Comment on Response to Submissions**

I refer to the Response to Submissions report, prepared by Umwelt in December 2019, for the Bulga Optimisation Project (SSD 4960) MOD 3 and Bulga Underground (DA 376-8-2003) MOD 7.

I note the responses provided to matters raised by Council. The responses will assist the planning authority determining this application.

Council's original submission was, however, identifying cumulative impacts the planning authority determining this application should consider, and the NSW Government should also contemplate as part of the policy environment regarding mining in the Hunter Valley and climate change more generally.

Council appreciates the opportunity to comment and would be pleased to provide additional information if requested.

Yours faithfully



Sharon Pope  
**Assistant Director Environment and Community Services**