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29 September 2015

Dear Stephen,

Bylong Coal Project (SSD 14_6367)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21 September 2015 regarding the State Significant Development application and Environmental Impact Statement (EA) from Kepco Bylong Australia Pty Ltd (KEPCO), seeking approval for the construction and operation of an open cut and underground coal mine in the Bylong Valley.

ARTC advises that the proponent has initiated reviews with ARTC and will be required to undertake and submit modeling and any relevant changes to ARTC to determine the impacts on the overall operations of the Hunter Valley rail network particularly resulting from the proposed Mine development.

The proponent should also assess train movements on the ARTC network associated with the proposal in accordance with the Rail Infrastructure Noise guideline.

A copy of the guidelines can be found by following the below link:

http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/resources/noise/20130018eparing.pdf

The proponent has made representations to ARTC and ARTC will continue to liaise with the proponent throughout the project with respect to the connection to the Mainline and Operations.

Should you have any further enquiries with regard to this matter please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on (02) 4941 9655 or <u>WJohnson@ARTC.com.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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