



## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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NSW Planning, Industry & Environment  
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Your Ref: SSD 9349; SSD5850 MOD4  
Our Ref: DA 20191210002113

**ATTENTION: Lauren Evans**

**22 January 2020**

Dear Ms Evans

**Agency Comment:- Environmental Impact Assessment for Glendell Continued Operations Project (SSD-9349) and Mt Owen Complex Continued Operations Project (SSD 5850 MOD4)**

I refer to your correspondence dated 10 December 2019 seeking comment from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for the Statement of Environmental Effects for the above State Significant Development proposals.

The NSW RFS understands the proposal involves the expansion of the Glendell open cut coal mine. The project includes:

- *extending the Glendell Pit to the North to extract an additional 135 million tonnes of run-of-mine (ROM) coal over the life of the project;*
- *extending the life of the Glendell Mine until December 2044;*
- *continued use of the Mount Owen coal handling and processing plant (CHPP), mine infrastructure area and rail and extending the life of these facilities;*
- *extracting and transporting up to 10 million tonnes per annum of ROM coal to the Mount Owen CHPP for processing and dispatch by rail;*
- *increasing the approved disturbance footprint by approximately 750 hectares;*
- *additional overburden emplacement within the Glendell Pit and Ravensworth East emplacement areas;*
- *constructing a new mine infrastructure area;*
- *relocating the Ravensworth Homestead;*
- *realigning Hebden Road and Yorks Creek; and*
- *changes to the approved final landform;*

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The subject land is partly mapped bush fire prone by Singleton Shire Council. Further, the NSW RFS is the responsible agency for any structural fires on the site.

The NSW RFS notes that the supporting documentation states:

*"The existing Bushfire Emergency Response Procedure will be updated to include all new access points relevant to the Project Area.*

*Should the Project be approved the Bushfire Emergency Response Procedure would be reviewed and updated in accordance with the relevant requirements under PBP 2018 and in consideration of the relevant aspects of the Project.*

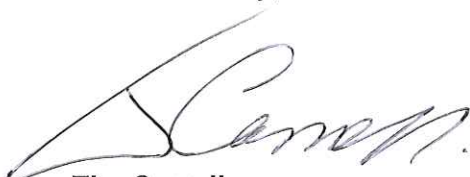
*With the ongoing review of the Bushfire Emergency Response Procedure in consultation with the RFS as operations progress, it is considered that bushfire risk associated with the Project can continue to be appropriately managed in an effective manner."*

The NSW RFS has no objection to the development proposal(s) and recommends the following condition be attached to any consent(s) granted:

1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS Upper Hunter Fire Control Centre. The FMP shall include:
  - 24 hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact;
  - Site infrastructure plan;
  - Fire fighting water supply plan;
  - Site access and internal road plan;
  - Construction of any Asset Protection Zones (APZ) and their continued maintenance;
  - Location of hazards (Physical, Chemical and Electrical) that will impact on fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during fire fighting operations;
  - Work involving risk of ignition that should not be carried out during total fire bans;
  - Availability of fire-suppression equipment; and storage and maintenance of fuels and other flammable materials;
  - Notification of the local NSW RFS Fire Control Centre for any works that have the potential to ignite surrounding vegetation, proposed to be carried out during the bush-fire fire danger period to ensure weather conditions are appropriate;
  - Bushfire emergency management planning.
  - Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office (FMP review and updates).

For any enquiries regarding this correspondence please contact Alan Bawden on 6691 0400.

Yours sincerely,



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*The RFS has made getting information easier. For general information on 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006', visit the RFS web page at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) and search under 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006'.*