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Your Ref: DA98/00802

The Director  
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Attention: Mr Carl Dumbleton – Senior Planner

Dear Sir

**Section 75W Modification of DA98/00802: Extension of operational life for existing Mining Operation, Hillgrove, Armidale Dumaresq LGA**

I refer to your email of 13 January 2015 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the abovementioned application.

**Roles & 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 Waterfall Way (MR76) is a classified (state) road. Armidale Dumaresq Council is the 'Roads Authority' for this road and all other public roads in the subject area. Roads and Maritime concurrence is required prior to Councils' approval of works on this road under Section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

In accordance with Clause 16 of the *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 provides the following comments to assist the Consent Authority in making a determination:

1. The proposed modification seeks to extend the life of the existing mining operation and extend the period of time that haulage operations will impact on the public road network.
2. The Consent Authority should confirm if the right turn lane required under Condition 30 of DA98/00802 has been constructed and if it will accommodate the total traffic movements generated by the extended operations.

3. The Consent Authority may wish to require the submission of a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) prepared in accordance with the current RTA Guide to Traffic Generating Developments. The TIA should address the safety and efficiency of the Waterfall Way and Stockton Road intersection. Identified turning movements should be considered against the warrants provided in Figure 4.9 of the current *Austroads Guide to Road Design Part4A*.
4. Consideration should be given to Clause 16 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007* regarding impacts on school zones and residential areas and the need to provide a Truck Management Plan and a Code of Conduct to address this impact. A road safety assessment of the key haulage routes should be carried out to inform any Truck Management Plan or Code of Conduct.
5. Should works be deemed necessary on the state road network the developer would be required to enter into a 'Works Authorisation Deed' (WAD) with Roads and Maritime. The developer would be responsible for all costs associated with the works and administration of the WAD process.

Further information on the requirements of the WAD process can be found on-line using the following link:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/factsheet-development-process.pdf>

### **Advice to the Consent Authority**

Roads and Maritime highlights that in deciding whether or not to modify the major project application under *Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* it is the Consent Authority's responsibility to consider the environmental impacts of any road works that are ancillary to the development. Depending on the level of environmental assessment undertaken to date and nature of the works the developer may be required to provide further environmental assessment to address any ancillary road works.

Upon determination of the application, it would be appreciated if the Consent Authority could forward a copy of the Notice of Determination for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Ms Liz Smith, Manager Land Use Assessment on 6640 1362 or email [development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au).

Yours faithfully



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