



Director - Resource and Energy Assessments
Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
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26 June 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Response to Submissions – Tarrawonga Coal Mine – MOD 7 (11_0047 – Mod 7)

I refer to the abovementioned development of which a S4.55(2) Modification Application was recently provided to Council.

Council has reviewed the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Life of Mine Modification documents, prepared by Whitehaven Coal, Ref: 999175-003. Upon review of the submitted documentation Council provides the following comments:

- The current road maintenance agreement between Whitehaven and Gunnedah Shire Council for the maintenance of the identified 'Southern Section' of the Approved ROM Coal Transport Route to the Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP) is to be retained. Additionally the road maintenance agreement should include Hoad Lane where located within the Gunnedah Shire Council Local Government Area, identified as part of the 'Northern Section' of the Approved ROM Coal Transport Route, if previous not included.
- Water service demands create from the development is to be calculated based on the cumulative expected project demand and the maximum water demand of the Whitehaven Vickery Coal Project (SSD 5000) or Vickery Extension Project (SSD 7480) if approved, to ensure that sufficient water license are provided and cumulative impacts on ground water are considered. The water service demand to the development should not exceed the license allocation.
- All practical measures should be taken to reducing the environmental impact of the works for the installation of the new water pipeline from Vickery Extension Project to Tarraonga Mine Site. Including the impact on any Biodiversity sensitive areas or the impact on any identified or undiscovered heritage sites.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Council's Senior Development Officer Wade Hudson on 6740 2100.

Yours faithfully

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