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Director, Mining & Industry Projects
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
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Attention: Mr Paul Freeman

BUCKETTS WAY (MR90): EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ROCKY HILL COAL PROJECT, MCKINLEYS LANE, FORBESDALE (SSD-5156)

Dear Mr Freeman,

I refer to a letter to Roads and Maritime Services dated 23 August 2013 from Robert Corkery of R.W. Corkery & Co. advising of the public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the subject project.

## Roads and Maritime Responsibilities

Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, Roads and Maritime has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. Bucketts Way (MR90) is a classified (Regional) road. Roads and Maritime concurrence is required for connections to the road with Council consent, under Section 138 of the Act. Council is the roads authority for this road and all other public roads in the area.

## Roads and Maritime Response and Requirements

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the information provided, including the Transport Assessment prepared by Constructive Solutions dated February 2013. Roads and Maritime would have no objections to the proposed development provided the following comments are addressed and included in the Department's conditions of project approval:

 Roads and Maritime concurs with the developer's proposal to upgrade the intersection of Bucketts Way / Jacks Road to a CHR / AUL arrangement. This intersection shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the Austroads Guide to Road Design 2009 (with RTA supplements) and relevant Australian Standards, to Council requirements. All

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works shall be carried out at full cost to the developer and at no cost to Roads and Maritime or Council. All works shall be complete prior to operational activities commencing on site.

Comment: The proposed new bridge on Jacks Road over the Avon River should also be open prior to operational activities commencing on site.

## Roads and Maritime Advice

- Roads and Maritime has no proposal that requires any part of the subject property.
- All matters relating to internal arrangements on-site such as car parking, traffic / pedestrian management, manoeuvring of service vehicles and provision for people with disabilities are matters for the Department to determine.

On the Minister's determination of this matter, it would be appreciated if a copy of the Project Approval is forwarded to Roads and Maritime for record and / or action purposes.

Gloucester Shire Council should also be consulted regarding the adequacy of the Transport Assessment.

Please contact me on 4924 0688 if you require further advice.

Yours sincerely

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