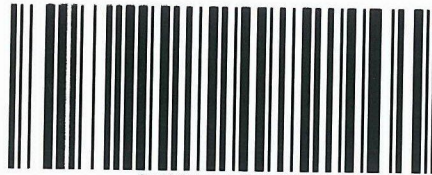




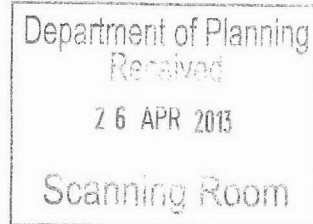
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Attention: Stephen O'Donoghue

**PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
WATERMARK COAL PROJECT (SSD 4975)**

Dear Mr O'Donoghue,

Thank you for your letter dated 22 February 2013 regarding your request for Transport for NSW to provide comment for the public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal.

Transport for NSW has reviewed the EIS and the associated Traffic and Transport Impact Assessment report and has identified the following issues that are to be addressed prior to the determination of the State Significant Development Application by the Department:

Details of the Mine to Port movements have not been adequately provided in the Traffic and Transport Impact Assessment report and in particular the specific train path availability negotiated with the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) for this project. It is recommended that the Department has approval from ARTC for the required train paths before making its determination on the application.

In addition to the above, no assessment has been made of the ARTC upgrades to accommodate the project's impact on the rail network. Considering the report prepared by ARTC outlining future demand and recommended upgrades was completed prior to the preparation of this EIS, it is recommended that the proponent review the adequacy of ARTC's proposed upgrades in light of its project requirements and impacts and identify any necessary additional mitigation measures or changes to those already proposed by ARTC to accommodate this project on the network.

Furthermore, the impact of this proposal on port and rail capacity and availability for other industries, namely agriculture is not sufficiently addressed. The conditions of consent should include a requirement to ensure that the project will not impede the rail and port accessibility requirements of other industries during seasonal peaks.

Transport for NSW understands that Roads and Maritime Services will be providing a separate response that covers the road aspects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Aleks Tancevski on 8202 2811 or Aleks.Tancevski@transport.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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