

24 October 2016

PLANNING SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Director, Resource Assessments

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Submission to Mandalong Southern Extension Project – Modification 3

MISC/30/2011/B - 12 Kerry Anderson Drive, MANDALONG NSW 2264

Council has reviewed Modification 3 to Development Consent SSD-5144 to increase the annual production limit from 6.0million to 6.5million tonnes of run-of-mine coal at the Mandalong South Coal Mine

Council raises concern regarding the potential for increased emission of greenhouse gases as a result of the increase in annual production. Whilst it is noted that the increase in emissions is 8.5% with all increases being below EPA requirements, any increase in emissions and their cumulative impacts remains a concern.

According to information on the Department of Primary Industry, Resources and Energy website, Centennial Coal received grant funding to trial a Ventilation Air Methane Regenerative After Burner (VAMRAB) at the Mandalong site.

The application makes no reference to the testing of this technology and whether this technology may be implemented.

It is recommended that details of the results of this trial be provided to determine whether continued use of this technology could further reduce the proposed emissions. If this technology is available and effective, it is recommended that the implementation of this technology be required to ensure emissions are suitably mitigated.

Should you require further information, please contact the undersigned on 4921 0256 or by e-mail on sholmes@lakemac.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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