

Illawarra Coal - Carbon Steel Materials



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Department of Planning
Mining & Extractive Industries
Major Development Assessment
(Attention: Howard Reed)
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir

**West Cliff Water Supply Pipeline Project (06_0288)
Response to Submissions**

Thank you for providing copies of the submission received by the Department of Planning in relation to our proposed West Cliff Water Supply Pipeline. We have considered the submissions and our response is provided in Appendix One.
Please note that the details of the fee for the project were provided to us on 20 July and payment to the Department has been arranged next week.

If you have any enquiries on our response please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Walsh", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Walsh
Manager - Approvals

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Appendix One: Response to Submissions – West Cliff Water Pipeline (06_0288)

Mine Subsidence Board

No comment required.

Roads and Traffic Authority

Illawarra Coal will seek a Form 166 Approval from the RTA.

Department of Primary Industries (Mineral Resources)

Illawarra Coal will primarily use material recovered from the excavation of the trench for bedding material. If external material is required to be bought onto the site for bedding it will be local sand or crushed sandstone, consistent with the Hawkesbury Sandstone setting.

Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC)

The DECC determined that it is able to support this proposal subject to the DoP seeking additional Statement of Commitments relating to biodiversity conservation and Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Biodiversity conservation

Illawarra Coal will

1. implement the mitigation measures outlined in the Biosis Research report titled 'Flora and Fauna Assessment: Appin to West Cliff Pipeline Final Report February 2007'. This report forms part of the Environmental Assessment and Illawarra Coal will be undertaking the project as per the Environmental Assessment.
2. revegetate any previously vegetated areas disturbed by the proposal, at the completion of the project,
3. revegetate and regenerate the previously vegetated areas that are disturbed by the project, including weed control. Using suitable qualified persons for at least three years after the completion of construction,
4. undertake a survey for hollow trees prior to clearing. The final pipeline route will be modified to avoid the hollow trees. If hollow trees containing threatened species cannot be avoided then a suitably qualified person shall be engaged to determine the appropriate action.

Aboriginal cultural heritage

Illawarra Coal will implement the recommendations outlined in section 10.0 of the Biosis Research report titled 'Archaeological Assessment: Appin to West Cliff Pipeline Final Report February 2007'. This report forms part of the Environmental Assessment and Illawarra Coal will be undertaking the project as per the Environmental Assessment.

Sydney Water

Illawarra Coal has discussed the issues raised by Sydney Water with Cassandra Loughlin on 24 July and subsequently confirmed by e-mail.

Illawarra has confirmed that the water supply for this project is from Appin Mine. Appin Mine has an existing supply agreement with Sydney Water and no increase in the supply to Appin Mine is required for this project.

The pipeline from Appin to West Cliff is an internal/private pipeline, beyond the Sydney Water metering point. Based on the nature of the pipeline a Section 73 Compliance Certificate is not required.