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**Attention: Andrew Rode**

Dear Mr Rode

**MP08\_0223 MOD 1: Lidsdale Siding Coal Loader Infrastructure Upgrade**

Thank you for the email dated 11 July 2019 requesting input from Roads and Maritime Services to the proposed modification of the Lidsdale Siding under project approval MP08\_0223.

It is noted from the Environmental Assessment that the proposal includes:

- A modification to conditions 7 and 8 of Schedule 2 of the consent (08\_0223) pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A).
- Receival and unloading of one coal laden train (nominal net tonnage of up to 3 900 tonne (t) per train) each day (Monday to Saturday between 7am and 6pm, and Sunday between 8am and 6pm).
- Transfer of coal received via rail to the overland conveyer for dispatch to Western Coal Services (WCS).
- These activities will only operate during emergency situations when rail unloading activities will be required at the facility.
- All deliveries of infrastructure as part of the upgrade to the existing facility will be up to six weeks construction time, requiring up to ten staff.
- This will require modification of the train loading facility to allow for the unloading of coal and construction of surface facilities, including a conveyor system between the existing under rail sump, stockpile area and existing overland conveyer.

**Roads and Maritime Services**

- A Traffic and Rail Impact Assessment (TRIA) prepared by Barnson (2012) formed part of the EIS for the Lidsdale Siding Upgrade Project that was approved in 2013. It was noted this was deemed to address impacts associated with road traffic movements, particularly those associated with heavy vehicle movements in the construction stage.
- All construction vehicles can be parked within the facility however train movements and the interface with vehicular traffic resulting in potential traffic delays at the Main Street Wallerawang crossing (and to some degree Brays Lane) was noted in the Social Impact Assessment (SIA).
- There has not been any train loading since 5 January 2018. The proposed modification will result in the recommencement of train movements however the total number of approved daily train movements will not be exceeded.

Roads and Maritime notes the proposed modification, if approved, would reduce the handling and transportation of coal via road transport.

It is the expectation as per the Project Approval (08\_0223) Schedule 3 Condition 11 *Monitoring of Coal Transport* and Condition 12 *Construction Management Plan* will further address and quantify the traffic impacts associated with the proposal particularly during the construction and demolition phase.

Roads and Maritime will await the provision of this information in order to undertake an adequate assessment of the impacts to traffic efficiency and road safety associated with the construction and demolition associated with the proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal. Should you require further information, please contact Ainsley Bruem, Acting Manager Land Use Assessment, on 02 6861 1449.

Yours faithfully



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