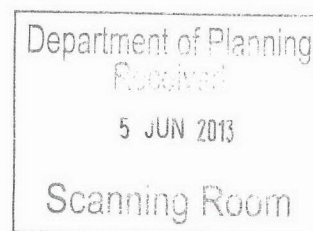




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**Attention: Mr Matthew Sprott**

**DENMAN ROAD (MR209): EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MOUNT ARTHUR COAL MINE MODIFICATION 1 (09\_0062\_MOD 1) MUSWELLBROOK**

Dear Mr Sprott,

I refer to your email dated 24 April 2013 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed modification to the subject project. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

**RMS Responsibilities**

Transport for NSW and RMS 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*, RMS has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. Denman Road is a classified (State) road, RMS concurrence is required for connections to these roads with Council consent, under Section 138 of the Act. Council is the roads authority for these roads and all other public roads in the area. Should road works be required on the classified (State) roads, RMS would exercise the functions of roads authority under Sections 64 and 71 of the Act.

**RMS Response and Requirements**

RMS has reviewed the information provided, including the Road Transport Assessment prepared by GTA Consultants dated 19 December 2012. RMS has no objections to or requirements for the proposed modification as it is considered that the vehicular traffic generated by the proposed modification will not result in any significant impact on the classified road network.

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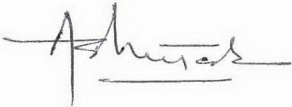
On the Minister's determination of this matter, it would be appreciated if a copy of the Project Approval is forwarded to RMS for record and / or action purposes.

Muswellbrook Shire Council should also be consulted regarding the adequacy of the traffic and transport assessment.

Additionally, RMS recommends the Department liaise with Transport for NSW to identify and address any infrastructure improvements required for the rail network as a result of this project. .

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ash Tamhane', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ash Tamhane  
A/Manager Land Use  
Hunter Region

CC Mr Robert Rutledge  
Transport for NSW

General Manager  
Muswellbrook Shire Council