

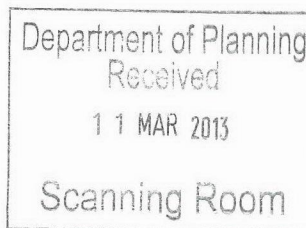
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Attention: Mr Stephen O'Donoghue

Dear Mr O'Donoghue

Cobbora Coal Project (MP10_0001)
Exhibition of Preferred Project Report and Response to Submissions

Thank you for your email on 13 February 2013 inviting Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to comment on the Preferred Project Report (PPR) and Response to Submissions (RS) for the above-mentioned project. I confirm that EMGA Mitchell McLennan forwarded copies of the PPR and RS to RMS on 13 February 2013.

RMS has reviewed the documentation and the matters raised in the submission made by RMS dated 12 August 2012 (copy attached) still stand. In addition, RMS notes the following:

- The proposal now includes a realignment of the Castlereagh Highway including a bridge to pass over the proposed private rail line. In this regard, a temporary detour is not envisaged to be necessary as part of the new proposal;
- The proponent will be submitting a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to affected Councils and RMS for review prior to construction works commencing. RMS suggests that any condition requiring preparation of a TMP stipulates that the TMP needs to be approved by the relevant roads authority prior to the commencement of construction works;
- RMS supports the proponent's initiatives to reduce traffic commuting to the mine by car pooling programs. RMS suggests that only 4 or 5 star rated ANCAP (Australian New Car Assessment Program) cars be used in the car pooling program and the 'take up' of staff participating in car pooling once operational, be monitored by the proponent and results forwarded for discussion with the relevant Councils and RMS. The TMP should include regular consultation with Councils and RMS to further reduce commuter traffic and commuter traffic related incidents on public roads;
- Cobbora Holding Company Pty Ltd (CHC) has entered into an agreement with RMS for the upgrade of the following existing intersections:
 - Spring Ridge Road and Golden Highway
 - Laheys Creek Road and Castlereagh Highway
 - Cobbora Road and Golden Highway

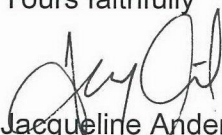
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These works are being funded by CHC and are being treated by RMS as intersection upgrades separate to the development approval process.

Please forward a copy of the determination for this proposal to RMS at the same time it is forwarded to the proponent.

Should you require further information please contact Andrew McIntyre on (02) 6861 1687.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jac Anderson', written over the printed name.

06 MAR 2013

Jacqueline Anderson
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