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Your Ref: 11_0047 Mod 6 and 10_0015 Mod 4

The Director
Department of Planning & Environment
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Attention: **Rose-Anne Hawkeswood – Senior Environmental Assessment Officer**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Environmental Assessment – Modification to Project Approvals – Increase Annual Road Transport Tarrawonga Coal Mine (11_0047) and Rocglen Coal Mine (10_0015)

I refer to your email of 2 October 2018 requesting comments from Roads and Maritime in relation to the proposed modification of the abovementioned project approvals.

Roles and Responsibilities

The key interests for Roads and Maritime Services are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure and the integration of land use and transport.

The Kamilaroi Highway (HW29) is a classified (State) road. In accordance with Section 7 of the *Roads Act 1993* Gunnedah Shire Council is the Roads Authority for all public roads (other than freeways or Crown roads) in the local government area pursuant to Section 7 of the Roads Act. Roads and Maritime is the roads authority for freeways and can exercise roads authority functions for classified roads in accordance with the Roads Act. Any proposed works on a classified (State) road will require the consent of Roads and Maritime. Consent is provided under the terms of a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD).

In accordance with Clause 16 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*, Roads and Maritime is given the opportunity to review and provide comment on the subject modification application as it involves the transportation of extracted materials on a public road.

Roads and Maritime Response

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the supporting *Whitehaven Temporary Road Haulage Modification – Environmental Assessment*. The following comments are provided to assist the Consent Authority in making a determination;

1. It is understood that the proposed modifications for 10_0015 Mod 4 (Rockglen Coal Mine) and 11_0047 Mod 6 (Tarrawonga Coal Mine) apply to the 2018 calendar year and seek to continue a temporary increase in the cumulative total volume of coal from 3.5 to 4 million tonnes per annum (4Mtpa). The proposed modifications require no changes to the haulage hours or fleet of trucks used.
2. It is suggested that all relevant project documents be updated to address the proposed increase in peak transport vehicle movements, in particular the Transport Contractor's Driver *Code of Conduct* and associated induction procedures.
3. Based on recent onsite investigations and consultation with Gunnedah Shire Council, Roads and Maritime requests asphalt concrete resurfacing of the Kamilaroi Highway between the Blue Vale Road and Whitehaven Coal Handling and Processing Plant (CHPP) be undertaken as a condition of the approval.

Any works on the Kamilaroi Highway must be designed and constructed in accordance with the current Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and RMS Supplements.

The Developer would be required to enter into a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) with Roads and Maritime for any works deemed necessary on the classified (State) road network. The developer would be responsible for all costs associated with the works and administration for the WAD.

Further information on undertaking private developments adjacent to classified roads can be accessed at:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/planning-principles/index.html>

Advice to the Consent Authority

Upon determination of the proposal it would be appreciated if the Consent Authority could forward a copy of the Project Approval for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Liz Smith, Manager Land Use Assessment on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully



for Monica Sirol
Network & Safety Manager, Northern Region

Date 12 October 2018

cc. Gunnedah Shire Council – Attn: Richard Baxter.