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Attention: Director Mining and Industry Projects Major Project Assessment NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Clay Preshaw



Our Ref: File: Date: D.DW.JR MP-2010/46/A 17 September 2012

Dear Sir

Development	PART 3A PROJECT APPLICATION No. MP 010-0046 Mod 1; NRE No.1 Colliery Preliminary Works Project - amending the reference to the use of Maingates (MGs) 4 and 5 from exploratory driveages to operational gateroads, the extraction of coal using LW 4 mining techniques in accordance with approved SMP, the extraction of coal using LW mining techniques from LW 5 and development of Maingates (MGs) 6,7 and 8
	7 Princes Highway, CORRIMAL NSW 2518
Location	Lot 1 & 2 Princes Highway, CORRIMAL NSW 2518
	Lot 3 Rixons Pass Road, CATARACT NSW 2560

I refer to the above project and Council's earlier responses to the initial project application and Environmental Assessment.

Thank you for providing further opportunity to comment. Please find attached Council's response to the modification request for the Preliminary Works Project.

Should you have any enquiries or wish to discuss these matters further, please telephone David Whitfield, Senior Development Project Officer, on telephone 4227 7111.

Yours faithfully

Greg Doyle General Manager (Acting) Wollongong City Council



1. Land Use Strategy

Comments for consideration by the Director-General within any project approval

Land Use Planning has no strategic objections or comments to the modifications proposed.

3. Traffic

Comments for consideration by the Director-General within any project approval

It is noted that there will be no additional transportation of coal to PKCT and no increase in the number of visitor or employee vehicles to the Colliery. In view of the above there are unlikely to be any additional traffic impacts arising from the proposed modification.

4. Environment

Comments for consideration by the Director-General within any project approval

Council has previously identified potential environmental risks to the subsurface from extractive mining activity may impact the undisturbed native bushland on Woronora Plateau, several upland swamps, local creeks and drainage tributaries resulting in changes to geochemistry and water quality, reduction in humidity of soil and subsoil of riparian zones.

The predicted subsidence of 1 to 2 meters in vertical magnitude may result in fracturing and tilting of subsurface rock strata along Longwall 4 and 5 that will impact the hydrostatic level of perched and regional aquifers, and may affect other infrastructure such as roads, fire trails and electricity transmission lines.

Should a modified project approval be issued the following conditions are requested for consideration:

- All environmental monitoring results are to be reviewed and audited every 6 months.
- All results and scientific explanation to be shown on NRE Web site and be accessible to the public.
- If any change in environmental parameters are recorded, the remedial solution and the necessary action is to be placed on the NRE web site for public access.

5. Stormwater

Comments for consideration by the Director-General within any project approval granted

No objection or comment to the modified proposal provided the project is undertaken in accordance with the updated schedule of commitments.

6. Geotechnical

Comments for consideration by the Director-General within any project approval granted

The proposed amendments have minimal significance to the geotechnical aspects of the modified development as described.

10. Heritage

Comments for consideration by the Director-General within any project approval

Initial comments and recommendations made for MP-2010/46 are considered still to be pertinent to the modification application with no additional matters raised.