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**BY Post and Email**

Ms C Chapman,  
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GPO Box 39,  
Sydney, NSW, 2001



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Dear Ms Chapman,

**Additional Submission – 10\_0139 – Awaba Landfill Extension Submission**

I refer to the submission made by Centennial Coal Company Limited (Centennial) dated 25 October 2012 on the above development. In that submission, while broadly supporting the proposed development by Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) in relation to the Awaba Landfill Extension, Centennial raised its concerns regarding incompatibility between LMCC's BioBanking Proposal and underground coal mining.

Since that submission was made, Centennial has met with officers from LMCC to further discuss the details of their BioBanking proposal, and have a fuller understanding of their project. LMCC has advised that, based on their understanding of relevant BioBanking framework in NSW and discussions with regulators, their BioBanking proposal can co-exist with Centennials coal mining plans for the area, on the basis that coal mining activities are temporary and can be managed to minimise short term impacts to threatened flora and fauna.

Centennial's support for LMCC's BioBanking proposal will be dependent on its ability to co-exist with our mining plans for the area, including alignment with relevant legislative requirements, levels of subsidence, surface monitoring and measurements required to support mining, and surface developments required for the safe management of methane from the underground workings. Centennial continues to work closely with LMCC in a cooperative manner with an aim that both projects can be developed in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely

**Steve Burgess**  
General Manager Projects and Engineering

