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Ms Rose-Anne Hawkeswood Senior Planning Officer Department of Planning & Environment Sydney NSW 2000 c/o NSW Major Projects Planning Portal

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Dear Rose-Anne

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION ON SOUTH32'S APPIN MINE VENTILATION AND ACCESS PROJECT

Wollondilly Shire Council are submitting the following document via the online Major Projects Planning Portal:

• Submission on the Ventilation Shaft Modification Application

The submission provides comments on aspects of South32's Modification Application (Mod 3 – Appin Mine Ventialtion and Access Project) for the proposed ventilation shaft at Douglas Park. Items of relevance to the responsibilities of Council including community advocacy are discussed.

The submission contains two parts:

- Part A: provides comments on the position of Council on key aspects of the Modification Application.
- Part B: provides comments on aspects of the submitted documentation of relevance to Council's responsibilities.

Council's broad position on South 32's Bulli Seam Operations Project as expressed in previous mining related submissions is that Council recognises the employment and economic contributions of mining and is generally supportive, provided impacts to natural and built features are not significantly adversely affected and are adequately managed.

Aspects of the Modification Application reviewed and commented on in the submission include:

- Community engagement
- Biodiversity
- Ground and surface water
- Traffic management
- Noise
- Air quality

- Landscape values relevant to Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement

The proposed development is not opposed provided potential impacts are adequately assessed and managed, and that there is sufficient community engagement and response to community concerns at all stages of the Project. The submission provides a range of recommended conditions for the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's consideration during the determination process.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Council's Manager of Waste and Environment Alexandra Stengl on phone 02) 4677 9677 or email at Alexandra.stengl@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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