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Dear Mr. Turner

Request for advice (Wongawilli Coal Mine – Proposed Modification 2 – North West Mains Development) (SSD MP09_0161)

Thank you for your referral dated 3 September 2021 requesting advice from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed development involves a modification to the existing Wongawilla Colliery (MOD2):

- Time extension by five years until 31 December 2025 to the approved North West Mains Driveage (NWMD);
- Additional driveage and underground mains heading approximately 2.9 linear km to access existing Wongawilli Ventilation Shaft 1 – using first workings mining methods;
- Additional access to the NWMD via existing Portals W10 and W9;
- Minor alignment changes to the NWMD as ventilation infrastructure is no longer proposed at the western end of the approved NWMD alignment;
- Relocation of coal handling infrastructure (including crusher, sizer and screen) from the Wongawilli lower pit top to underground; and
- Construction of new 60m long section of coal conveyor system and coal storage bin at the Wongawilli upper pit top.

The proposal is located partially within State Heritage Register (SHR) item Avon Dam (SHR 01358) located at Avon Dam Road, Avon Dam. The proposal is also partially located within the local heritage item *Wongawilli Colliery* (WLEP 2009 item 7100) and is adjacent to the *Illawarra Escarpment Landscape Area* (WLEP 2009 HCA).

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *Wongawilli Colliery Modification 2 Submissions Draft Report* –prepared by EMM, dated 26 August 2021 including Appendix F *Historical Heritage Assessment and Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI)*, prepared by Biosis, revised 13 July 2021

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following comments:

- The reasons provided for additional driveage being located below the SHR curtilage are noted.

- The SOHI refers to a Geotech report by SCT Operations (not provided) concluding that there is no potential for any perceptible surface subsidence impacts as a result of proposed additional driveage;
- If DPIE intends to approve this modification, the recommendations of the Biosis SOHI report should be included as conditions; and
- The report indicates that the study area has low archaeological potential and recommends an unexpected finds procedure. This is an appropriate management process. Additionally, it is noted that archaeological information in the CMP attached is out of date, it is recommended the CMP is updated to reflect the current legislative requirements for understanding archaeological significance.

As the site contains a local heritage item, and a local heritage conservation area is in the vicinity, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Rajat Chaudhary, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at Heritage NSW on 9873 8521 or rajat.chaudhary@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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