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Your Ref: MP11_0047-Mod7

The Director
NSW Planning Industry and Environment
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Attention: Phillip Neville

Dear Sir,

**Re: Major Project - Modification 7 for Tarrawonga Coal Mine (MP11_0047 – Mod 7)
Whitehaven Coal Ltd, Gunnedah**

I refer to your request for comment from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in relation to the abovementioned development proposal. The application was forwarded to TfNSW through the planning portal.

Roles and Responsibilities

From 1 December 2019, all functions and responsibilities of Roads and Maritime Services will now be vested in an integrated Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Our key interests are for the safety and efficiency of the transport network, the integrity of State infrastructure and the integration of land use and transport in accordance with *Future Transport Strategy 2056*.

Kamilaroi Highway (HW 29) is a classified (State) road under the *Roads Act 1993* (Roads Act). Rangari Road is a classified (Regional) road (MR357). The relevant local authorities (Gunnedah Shire Council and Narrabri Shire Council) are the Roads Authorities for all public roads (other than freeways or Crown roads) in the local government areas pursuant to Section 7 of the Roads Act. TfNSW is the roads authority for freeways and can exercise roads authority functions for classified roads in accordance with the Roads Act.

Council is responsible for setting standards, determining priorities and carrying out works on Local and Regional roads; however, TfNSW concurrence is required prior to Council's approval of works on classified (Regional) roads under Section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

In accordance with Clause 16 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*, TfNSW is given the opportunity to review and provide comment on the subject development application.

TfNSW Comments

TfNSW has reviewed the referred information and provides the following comments to assist the consent authority in making a determination;

1. The documentation provided shows that the transport impacts appear to be contained within the local road network between the Tarrawonga and Vickery Mines. Any such impacts are a matter for the relevant Council to consider as the road authority. No evidence was found within the documentation to demonstrate that the increase in Mine haulage activity will spill out onto, or affect the State or regional road infrastructure.
2. TfNSW has no objection to the proposed Modification, based on the premise that the intended increase in Mine traffic is accommodated within the approved haulage routes as set out in the Road Transport Assessment.

Upon determination of the application it would be appreciated if the consent authority could forward a copy of the approval for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl Sisson, Development Assessment Officer on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully,



for Matt Adams
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