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Dear Matthew Sprott

By email: Submission by Major Project Website

Myuna Colliery Modification 2 (MP10_0080-Mod-2)

I refer to the email dated 20 July 2020 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide advice regarding the Modification 2 Myuna MOD 2 (MP10_0080-Mod-2).

Development Details

The Proposed Modification includes changes in coal handling and blending at the Myuna Colliery as follows:

- Allow up to 1 Mtpa of coal to be transported from Myuna Colliery to Mandalong Mine Cooranbong Entry Site (CES) via truck;
- Allow backload of 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal from CES to Myuna Colliery before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- Construction and operation of a vehicle weighbridge at Myuna's pit top;
- Allow trucks to access Myuna's pit top via Wangi Road and Wangi Point Road; and
- Include a consent condition at address environmental management of exploration activities and minor surface infrastructure.

The proposed modification is required to allow coal blending to meet coal supply and quality contractual obligation to Eraring Power Station. It is understood this is required due to fluctuating coal quality at Myuna Colliery.

The modification will result in a minimal increase to surface disturbance at Myuna Colliery as the installation of the new weighbridge and truck wheel wash is in a previously disturbed area. The road widening works (7 m for 50 m length) at Wangi Point Road (within Myuna's pit top) will not result in vegetation clearing.

Environment and Rehabilitation

The Mining Act Inspectorate within the Resources Regulator has responsibility for providing strategic advice for environmental issues pertaining to the proposed project in so far as they relate to or affect rehabilitation. Based on the review of the modification report, the Mining Act Inspectorate advises the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment that it has no specific comments regarding the changes in coal handling and associated minor updates to infrastructure.

In relation to the proposed addition of a condition for environmental management of exploration activities and minor surface infrastructure, we offer the following comment:

- If adopted by the Planning Secretary, this condition should include the NSW Resources Regulator to the list of agencies that are to be consulted during the development of an “Exploration Activities and Minor Surface Infrastructure Management Plan”. The proponent should be aware that changes in the mine operations associated with exploration and surface infrastructure will be required to be addressed in management plans administered under the *Mining Act 1992* (such as the Mining Operational Plan/ Rehabilitation Management Plan) and will likely trigger a review of the Rehabilitation Cost Estimate and security deposit held for the mine.

It should be noted that rehabilitation are required to be addressed under the conditions of a mining authority granted under the Mining Act 1992. The Resources Regulator requires an authority holder to adopt a risk-based approach to achieving the required rehabilitation outcomes. The applicability of the controls to achieve effective and sustainable rehabilitation is to be determined based on the site specific risk assessments conducted by an authority holder. An authority holder may also be directed by the Resources Regulator to implement further risk control measures that may be required to achieve effective rehabilitation outcomes.

The Resources Regulator requests a review of the draft development consent conditions prior to finalisation and any granting of development consent modification.

If you require additional information, please contact the Resources Regulator on 1300 814 609 or via email at nswresourcesregulator@service-now.com.

Yours sincerely,

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