



8 August 2019

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Dear Mr Rode

Re: Western Coal Services Project MOD 3 – Response to Submissions

Following the submission of the Western Coal Services Project MOD 3 Statement of Environmental Effects, submissions from 5 government regulators has been provided comprising submissions from:

- Division of Resources and Geosciences
- Environment Protection Authority (EPA)
- Lithgow City Council
- Resource Regulator
- WaterNSW

Key matters raised in the submissions from these agencies are summarised below.

Division of Resources and Geosciences

The Division of Resources and Geosciences noted that they had reviewed the information supplied in relation to the modification and advised that it has no matters of concern to raise at this time. As such, no response to any issues is required.

Environment Protection Authority

The EPA noted their intention to vary the Environment Protection Licence (EPL 21229) for Western Coal Services to include all noise sensitive receptors and the associated noise limits for each as listed within SSD 5579. Springvale Coal has no objections to the EPA aligning EPL noise criteria with the noise criteria contained within the Western Coal Services Project SSD 5579 development consent.

Lithgow City Council

Lithgow City Council noted that they considered the Environmental Assessment adequately highlighted the relevant issues, and had no objection to the project subject to Council's original conditions remaining on the consent. Springvale Coal has no objections to this and, as such, no response to any issues is required.

Resource Regulator

The Resource Regulator had no objections to the approval of Modification 3. The Resource regulator determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes could be achieved as a result of the project and that any

identified risks or opportunities could be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the Mining Act 1992. Mine Safety Operations within the Resource Regulator did not identify any risk that required comment. As such, no response to any issues is required.

WaterNSW

WaterNSW noted they did not have any comment in relation to this modification. As such, no response to any issues is required.

Conclusion

Following a review of the submissions received, Springvale Coal has no objections to any recommendations proposed and no formal response to submissions is considered necessary at this stage.

Please contact me on my mobile 0407 207 530 if you have any questions or require any further information in regards to this matter.

Yours sincerely



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