

Ms Nicola Curtis
Principal Mining Approvals
Illawarra Coal Holdings Pty Ltd

14/10/2021

Dear Ms Curtis

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION No. 3
APPIN MINE VENTILATION AND ACCESS PROJECT (08_0150 MOD 3)

Traffic

The Department notes that the *Traffic Assessment* (Transport & Urban Planning Pty Limited, May 2021) does not provide modelling or assessment of the potential traffic impacts on the regional road network as a result of the modification.

It is understood that the majority of the construction and operational workforce and heavy vehicles would likely arrive from and depart to the south of the site along Menangle Road. It is therefore requested that information be provided on the potential impact of the modification on the regional network to the south of the site, including:

- Wilton Rd at Broughton Pass;
- Douglas Park Gorge on Douglas Park Drive; and
- Hume Highway/Picton Road intersection.

It is noted that this issue was raised in a public submission on the modification (<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/submission/798641>), but was not fully addressed in the Submissions Report (October 2021).

The submission also questioned how IMC would monitor and ensure compliance with the proposed Driver Code of Conduct (DCOC) for the modification. The Department requests a response to this question.

Noise

The Department requests further information on the timeframes for the construction of the “civil works” and the “intersection works”, as referred to in Table 25 of the *Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment* (NVIA) (Wilkinson Murray, June 2021). It is unclear if these works correlate to the “site establishment, bulk earthworks, construction utilities, pre-sinking and access upgrades” referred to in Table 22, and therefore whether they would occur concurrently and take approximately 7 months to complete.

Out of Hours Blasting

As indicated in the Department’s Request for Information No. 2, evening and night-time blasting activities are typically not permitted in NSW and are unlikely to be approved for this modification based on the predicted impacts on receivers over an extended period of time.

The Department requests further demonstration of why blasting activities cannot be coordinated to occur during morning and afternoon periods.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. O'Donoghue', written in a cursive style.

Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments