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Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
Energy and Resource Assessments
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Attention: Lauren Evans

SSD 9526: MAXWELL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE PROJECT – NOTICE OF EXHIBITION

Reference is made to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE) email dated 22 November 2019, requesting Roads and Maritime Services' (Roads and Maritime) requirements under Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) advises that legislation to dissolve Roads and Maritime Services and transfer its assets, rights and liabilities to TfNSW came into effect on 1 December 2019. It is intended that the new structure will enable TfNSW to deliver more integrated TfNSW services across modes and better outcomes to customers and communities across NSW.

For convenience, correspondence, advice or submissions made to or by Roads and Maritime Services prior to its dissolution, are referred to in this letter as having been made to or by 'TfNSW'.

TfNSW's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

It is understood that the proposal includes:

- Establishing an underground coal mine to extract up to 8 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of run-of-mine (ROM) coal for up to 26 years;
- Using existing and upgraded coal handling and processing plant to process up to 8 Mtpa of ROM coal at the Maxwell Infrastructure site;
- Establishing an underground mine entry area and associated facilities to support underground mining activities and provide access for personnel;
- Establishing a new transport and services corridor (including a covered, overland coal conveyor) from the mine entry area to the Maxwell Infrastructure site;
- Establishing ancillary infrastructure, including electricity, ventilation, gas and water management facilities;
- Transporting product coal via:

- the Antiene Rail Spur and Main Northern Railway to market and/or the Port of Newcastle; and/or
- conveyor to the Bayswater and/or Liddell Power Stations;
- Operating 24 hours per day, 7 days per week;
- Potential realignment of Edderton Road; and
- Continuing rehabilitation of existing surface disturbance associated with historical surface mining operations.

TfNSW Response

TfNSW have reviewed the Submissions Report prepared by Malabar Coal and provide the following comments:

- As per our advice dated 28 October 2019, the analysis relies on the upgrade of the intersection of Thomas Mitchell Drive and Denman Road, as per Condition 47(d) of the Project Approval MP09_0062 for the Mt Arthur Coal Mine Open Cut Consolidation Project. It is noted that there is no Works Authorisation Deed in place and the timing of works is not determined, therefore the proposal cannot rely on these upgrade works to mitigate future development impact on the state road network.

As consent is being sought prior to any upgrades being completed, the proposal's impact on the existing environment and mitigation measures should be considered and the updated Road Transport Assessment and modelling resubmitted.

Should you require further information please contact Kate Leonard, Development Assessment Officer, on 0428 260 461 or by emailing development.hunter@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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