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Dear Mr Dean

**Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project (SSD-9526)
Request for Additional Information**

I refer to your letter dated 30 April 2020 providing additional information in relation to the above Project. Following further review, the Department has identified additional matters requiring clarification (see **Attachment A**).

The Department requests your response to the matters outlined in Attachment A by **5 June 2020**.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Lauren Evans at the details above.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Spratt
Director
Resource Assessments (Coal & Quarries)

Attachment A

Muswellbrook Shire Council – Residual Issues

1. The Department notes that Malabar's discussions with Council regarding residual matters for assessment are progressing. Please continue to update the Department on the progress of these discussions.

Rehabilitation

2. Malabar's most recent correspondence to Council included a comparative table of the total area of woodland in the approved and proposed final landforms. The Department requests a similar table providing a comparison of pasture areas in the approved and proposed final landforms.
3. The Department requests clarification as to what would happen to the existing alignment of Edderton Road after the proposed realignment is completed. For example, would the road reserve be closed and rehabilitated?

Blasting

4. Please confirm the minimum separation distance between construction-related blasting and:
 - the Coolmore and Godolphin property boundaries; and
 - any public infrastructure.
5. Is any blasting proposed within 500 metres of a public road (either construction-related blasting or highwall blasting)?

Figures

6. The Department requests the following:
 - a figure showing noise assessment groups referenced in Appendix I of the EIS (preferably on one figure with insets);
 - a figure showing the progressive establishment of woodland corridors, including the Southern Offset area, over the life of the Project – ideally this figure should identify:
 - which areas have been planted to date (and if those areas are now established or if supplementary planting is needed); and
 - milestone dates for planting (or supplementary planting, if required) of proposed woodland areas outside the proposed disturbance footprint for the Project; and
 - an editable version of the Schedule of Land in Attachment 3 (ie in MS Word format).
7. The Department requests high-resolution (JPEG format) versions of the following figures:
 - EIS Figure ES-3 – Location of key project components, amended as follows:
 - the outline of the 'Development Application Area' should be added (as per EIS Attachment 3); and
 - the development envelope for the proposed Maxwell Solar Project should be hatched;
 - EIS Figures 1-3(a) and 1-3(b) – Land Ownership Plans;
 - EIS Figure 3-4 – Project Schedule;
 - EIS Figure 3-8 - Indicative Mining Layout;
 - EIS Figure 7-1 – Conceptual Final Landform (with the additional proposed woodland area near the Access Road Dam included);
 - RTS Figure 11 – Rehabilitation Simulation – Maxwell Infrastructure; and
 - Figure 1 – the updated Rehabilitation Domains figure for Maxwell Infrastructure provided in Malabar's most recent correspondence to MSC (with the additional proposed woodland area near the Access Road Dam included).