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Dear Ms Anderson

CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY MODIFICATION 3 & MANNERING COLLIERY MODIFICATION 5, SSD-5465

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comment on the Statement of Environmental Effects and Response to Submissions (RTS) for the modification to Chain Valley and Mannering Collieries and for granting an extension of time in which to provide these comments given the Departments correspondence did not reach us via the new Major Projects portal. Council has reviewed the information in the Statement of Environmental Effects in response to your request and provides the following comments for your consideration.

It is noted that the proposed modifications involve the following:

CVC -Section 4.55 (1A)

- The transport of product coal from CVC to Mannering Colliery (MC) via the approved underground linkage between the two operations at a rate up to the approved annual production level of 2.1 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa).
- A change in the definition of 'first workings' in SSD-5465 to allow the broader use of bord and pillar mining methods within the approved consent boundary
- Increased transfer of coal to Vales Point Power Station (VPPS) via the MC surface infrastructure

Mannering -Section 4.55 (2)

- An increase in the run-of-mine (ROM) coal handling at, and transport via overland conveyor from, MC up to the approved extraction limit at CVC;
- And extension of the project approval period from 30 June 2022 to 31 December 2027;
- An alternative approach to mine design



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- No significant changes to surface infrastructure
- No additional plant or equipment

In the assessment of the applications and subsequent determination, Council request that consideration be given to the impact of the extension of the project approval period to 31 December 2027 on the following:

1. biodiversity, conservation and greenhouse gases particularly having regard for climate change;
2. potential increase in the contamination of air, land and water;
3. potential increase in noise pollution and vibrations. It is noted public submissions from Central Coast residents have raised the issue of vibration;
4. Adequate waste management;
5. Any impact on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage;
6. Any increase in the impact on the coastal environment; and
7. Principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD)

It is recommended that any modification approval involve:

- Ongoing monitoring of subsidence impacts particularly in relation to the lake bed, foreshore and seagrass
- Implementation/continuation of environmental management initiatives
- Appropriate sustainable rehabilitation of the site. The CVC and MC MOP should be updated.
- Implementation of ESD principles



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If you have any further enquiries relating to this matter, please contact me on (02) 4350 5436.

Yours faithfully

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