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By email: genevieve.seed@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Seed

RE: Revised Response to Submissions – RIXS Creek Mine – Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300)

I refer to your email dated Monday 27 November 2017 requesting comment from the Heritage Council of NSW (the Heritage Council) on the revised Report (RTS) for the above project.

It is noted that the Heritage Council had recommended draft conditions and mitigation measures, via correspondence dated 2 December 2015, and highlighting concerns over the former 'Rixs Creek Coke Ovens and Associated Works Site'.

We note that further comment was provided on this project by letter dated 10 November 2016.

The revised report available on the Department's website indicates that the identified historic heritage items are outside of the disturbance footprint of the Project and would therefore not be directly impacted. Recommended measures are to prepare a CMP to manage the Rix's Creek Coke Ovens & Associated Works. The CMP would investigate ways to reduce the impacts from vibration impacts as well as exploring ways to preserve and maintain it. It was also recommended that the placement of spoil piles in proximity to Granbalang Trig Station should be sympathetic to the outlook of the trig station. This would be managed through a Historic Heritage Management Plan.

These measures are considered appropriate. However, as Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW I request that the Department also include the additional Conditions previously recommended in our letter dated 2 December 2015. Those covered matters such as a Condition Report for the Coke Ovens, monitoring during blasting, mitigation if blasting causes damage, and submission of a final report for the information of the Department of Planning and Environment and the Heritage Council of NSW.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Dr Siobhan Lavelle OAM, Senior Team Leader, Specialist Services, at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on (02) 9895 6479 or at Anna.Foroozani@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council
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