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Dear Ms Dawson

Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300) – Response to IPC Review

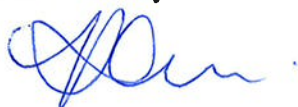
I refer to your email of 10 December 2018 inviting NSW Health - Hunter New England Local Health District to review and comment on the Response to IPC Review for the Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300) exhibited on the NSW Planning & Environment website.

The Response to IPC Review and associated documents have been reviewed by Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH), with particular attention being paid to issues we raised in our previous correspondence regarding this proposal.

In our letter of 29 June 2018 we detailed particular concerns relating to air quality and impacts on residents of exceedances of NEPM PM10 goals. We note the Air Quality Management Actions – PM10 Trigger Actions, as detailed in Table 2 of the Response to IPC Recommendations main document, however, there appears to be no assurance that these measures will ensure no exceedances of the NEPM goals. With regards to Appendix F: Trade-off Scenarios for the Independent Planning Commission of NSW by Todoroski Air Sciences, the results suggest a slight increase in impacts to air quality. Overall, the concerns we have raised previously regarding impacts on air quality from this proposal continue.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Ms Carolyn Herlihy, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



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