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Dear Megan

**Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project (SSD\_6300) – Response to IPC Review**

I refer to your e-mail dated 10 December 2018 in the which Department of Planning and Environment informed the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) about the provision of the *Response to the Independent Planning Commission Recommendations* for the Rix's Creek Extension Project. Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited's. OEH has been asked to provide any final comments on the project and any recommended conditions of consent.

OEH reviewed the *Response to the Independent Planning Commission Recommendations* Report prepared by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (dated 7 December 2018) in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage, flood risk, and biodiversity.

OEH's recommendations are provided in **Attachment A** and detailed comments are provided in **Attachment B**. If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Steven Cox, Senior Team Leader Planning, on 4927 3150 or via e-mail at [rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure: Attachments A and B

## **OEH's recommendations**

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1. OEH recommends that the proponent submits the BioBanking credit calculation file (online by selecting the 'submit' button) and provides the GIS shapefiles for the revised project outline to OEH, 'Option 2', so that OEH can assess the revised biodiversity offset obligation.
2. OEH has no further comment in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage.
3. OEH has no further comment on flooding issues.

## OEH's detailed comments

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#### Biodiversity

1. OEH will need to review the biodiversity assessment for 'Option 2' for this project

There has been a redesign of the project since it was last reviewed by OEH, which the proponent has indicated has reduced the size of the biodiversity offset obligation. OEH is unable to assess the revised offset obligation until the revised BioBanking credit calculation file is submitted to OEH and GIS shapefiles are provided to OEH for review.

Recommendation 1

OEH recommends that the proponent submits the BioBanking credit calculation file (online by selecting the 'submit' button) and provides the GIS shapefiles for the revised project outline, 'Option 2', so that OEH can assess the revised biodiversity offset obligation.

#### Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

2. OEH has no further recommendations in relation to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

OEH has reviewed the Response to the Independent Planning Commission Recommendations (AECOM, Dec 2018) and has no further recommendations to make in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Recommendation 2

OEH has no further comment in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

#### Flooding and Flood Risk

3. OEH has no further comments in relation to flooding or flood risk

OEH has reviewed the its Response to the Independent Planning Commission Recommendations (AECOM, Dec 2018) and has no further comments to make in relation to flooding or flood risk.

Recommendation 3

OEH has no further comment on flooding issues.