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By email: Thomas.Watt@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Watt

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

I refer to your email dated Monday 31 October 2016 requesting comment from the Heritage Council of NSW (the Heritage Council) on the Response to Submissions Report (RTS) for the above project.

It is noted that the Heritage Council recommended draft conditions and mitigation measures via correspondence dated 2 December 2015 with regard to the assessment of the 'Linear Embankment and Mound with Historic Material'. This site was assessed as significant based on its historical association with the locally listed former 'Rixs Creek Coke Ovens and Associated Works Site'. The Heritage Council sought to resolve the inconsistency identified in relation to the proposed collection of surface 'relics' at both sites as the embankment and mound were assessed as having no technical or archaeological research significance associated with either feature.

The proponent generally agreed with the recommended conditions of approval in the Response to Submissions which stipulated that additional historical research be undertaken specific to both sites to understand and inform the significance of the 'Linear Embankment and Mound'.

The proponent has stated that the specific detail of conditions relating to heritage would be confirmed with the Department of Planning & Environment in consultation with the Heritage Division prior to approval of the Project. The Heritage Council looks forward to commenting on the draft conditions of consent.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Anna Foroozani, State Heritage Assessments Officer, 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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