

28 February 2019

Director – Resource Assessments 2A  
Planning Services  
Department of Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: Submission to the Tahmoor South Coal Project (SSD 17\_8445)**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Tahmoor South Coal Project.

Since 2010, Wingecarribee Shire Council (Council) has adopted a policy of opposition to longwall mining and any new coal mine in the Shire because of the concerns it has over potential impacts on groundwater, water catchments, agricultural land and tourism.

Council acknowledges that although the project area extends into our Shire, no component of the mine or subsidence zone appear to occur in our region. The EIS identifies constraints to mining in the Southern Domain (which extends into Wingecarribee Shire), and Council acknowledges the efforts by the proponent to avoid activity in this area. We request that mining activity in this domain remain restricted into the future.

The transport of coal product by rail to Port Kembla is proposed to continue through the Wingecarribee Shire, cutting through the Shire's main population centres of Mittagong, Bowral and Moss Vale and a number of the Shire's villages including Yerrinbool, Aylmerton, Balaclava, and Robertson. Council request for covered rail wagons to be considered for this project to minimise the effect of coal dust on these growing population centres.

The proposed Maldon to Dombarton railway line is mentioned in the EIS as a potential future rail path. Council would support this alternative and encourages a government commitment to complete this project.

If you require any further information on this matter please contact Council's Manager Environment and Sustainability, Mr Barry Arthur, on Phone: 4868 0852 during normal business hours. Please note, Council reserves the right to make a further submission on this project should an impact to the Shire be later identified.

Yours sincerely



Barry Arthur  
**Manager Environment and Sustainability**