

19th November 2019

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
320 Pitt St
Sydney, NSW 2000

Airly Mine – Mod 3 – SSD-5581-Mod-3

Dear Sir/Madam,

WesTrac NSW would like to register their support for the Airly Mine MOD 3 – Mine Expansion Proposal (SSD-5581-Mod3). When approved this expansion will ensure the existing operation continues to generate employment and maintain the financial, community and environmental benefits that coal mining provides for the local, state and federal environs.

WesTrac are the Caterpillar dealer for NSW and the ACT, and we directly employ over 1300 people in NSW, of whom approximately 1150 are employed outside the Sydney metropolitan area. Our workforce includes professional, trades and support staff, working in the mining and construction industries. We also have a large apprenticeship training program, helping develop the tradespeople of the future. The mining operation at Airly has been a factor in our ability to expand our workforce, to provide onsite support, field service, workshops parts and administrative activities in local area

Centennial Coal are an important WesTrac customer and we have a long history of supporting them at their underground operations in NSW. In addition to direct employment opportunities, WesTrac has continued to invest in new facilities and expanded our workforce to increase our capacity to support our mining customers. Extension of operations at the Airly Mine, will provide us with the certainty to continue making these investments and provide ongoing skilled employment opportunities in regional NSW.

WesTrac also support the ongoing role of high quality thermal and coking coals from NSW in meeting the demands of export markets, in the developed and developing economies across Asia.

The coal from the Airly Mine extension will be crucial in powering the High Efficiency Low Emission (HELE) power plants that are providing the necessary balance of affordable energy and low carbon emissions. WesTrac supports the move towards a low carbon future, and the operation at Airly is a key step in the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jody Scott'.

Jody Scott
General Manager - Mining