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Dear Mr Phillips

Re: Mandalong Southern Extension Project (SSD 5144 MOD8)

Thankyou for the opportunity to present a submission to the Department regarding the MOD 8 application. The Mandalong Community Association (MCA) have considered the SEE and would like to raise two main points.

- The Traffic Impact Assessment fails to address the eastern side of the M1 – Mandalong Road and Dora Street.
- Local employment
- Visual impact

Traffic

Table 6.1 states in section 4 that the DPE has asked Centennial to address:

Traffic impacts – the SEE should assess the traffic impacts associated with the increased flow of both construction and operational vehicles at, and surrounding, the intersection of Kerry Anderson Drive and Mandalong Road, as well as any other impacts to local traffic. If necessary, appropriate mitigation measures should be proposed.

Centennial respond that a TIA has been prepared to address the requirement.

MCA are not satisfied with the adequacy of the TIA. The DPE requirement clearly states - *as well as any other impacts to local traffic. If necessary, appropriate mitigation measure should be proposed.*

Section 7.3.1 – four dot points demonstrate the limitations of the assessment.

In particular the MCA would like to draw the DPE's attention to the treatment and assessment of Mandalong Road to the east of the M1.

This road is a State road B53. B53 is the main and only feeder road to the Southlakes suburbs where it intersects with Wyee Road. The Southlakes area is subject to ongoing residential and commercial development. The traffic report has minimal reference to this intersection.

What is not referenced is that B53 is also the only feeder road to Morisset township (including rail and services), and feeds onto the Morisset Peninsula – a well populated area subject to ongoing development.

The report states that currently at least 37% of traffic proceeds east, over the M1 and on to B53. The report does not incorporate data regarding the existing congestion on the B53. Instead it states (TIA p 23):

RMS daily traffic volume data is only available on the M1 Pacific Motorway..... Daily traffic counts are not available for Mandalong Road or other possible employee traffic routes in the Morisset and Wyee areas.

Local residents are already well aware of the congestion on the B53, particularly in the afternoons. The traffic is often cued from the traffic lights in Morisset (or Fishery Point Rd) to the roundabout, south of Wyee road, to the Gateway Blvd entry to the industrial estate. Additional traffic on B53 may cause cues to extend to the M1 off ramp, which would be dangerous to southbound M1 travellers. The photo below shows typical traffic que at 3.30 on weekday afternoon, prior to dayshift at the mine ending.



Plate 1 Mandalong Road B53. View east at 3.30pm. 9th May 2019. The cue extended into Dora Street, Morisset town centre.

The MCA would request that if conclusions are to be drawn regarding traffic impact of an estimated additional 70 vehicles heading east on B53, that these conclusions are drawn from accurate data. In the unlikely event that the RMS has no data regarding the road, wouldn't the traffic study do its own counts? MCA's enquiry to Council found that LMCC is well aware of the traffic issues between the M1 and the north- eastern end of Dora Street.

Employment.

The executive summary of the SEE states:

Additionally, the proposed modification will have positive socio-economic effects in the Lake Macquarie local government area (LGA) and surrounding region. Economic benefits will result from

the additional workforce's household consumption and investment activities in the Lake Macquarie LGA and surrounding region. Total labour surplus for the additional 345 FTE workers at Mandalong Mine may be in the order of \$12 million per annum. Likely qualitative social benefits will result from the involvement of the additional workforce in a range of community based activities which contribute to social engagement and community cohesion.

The MCA is invested in the rebuilding of social engagement and community cohesion, particularly since the fragmentation of the community by the purchase of many properties by Centennial for stage one of the Mandalong Mine.

To promote and foster a sense of Centennials support of social engagement with the local community (ie. Mandalong), we would strongly suggest that pathways to employment are established for Mandalong residents. Currently, to the best of our knowledge a mere single person from Mandalong is employed at the mine. This is inadequate. There are young and older people whom would appreciate an opportunity to reskill and gain experience in the mining industry.

Centennials interpretation of local community is quite expansive – including people whom are travelling quite some distance. **Centennial should create and promote opportunities for local employment. There are people with trades, people seeking to change career path, and young people with a variety of skills that could be utilised by Centennial in all facets of the operations and by means of employment, traineeships and apprenticeships.**

Only with such proactive engagement with the local (and I mean local not regional), can Centennial appear serious about their promotion of social benefits, such as community cohesion and social engagement.

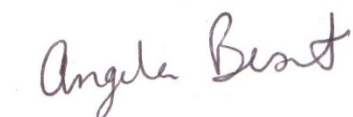
Visual Impact

Mandalong mine currently has some plantings at the front of the property. Until fairly recently these were well maintained and watered. That is no longer the case.

If Mandalong Mine propose a visual screen at the front of the site, to reduce visual impact to Mandalong Rd. Centennial should ensure that the screen is quickly established and adequately resourced to ensure future effectiveness.

The MCA look forward to working with Centennial in the future, to assist Centennial in their aim of fostering community cohesion and social engagement.

Regards



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