



22 March 2019

Mr Howard Reed
Director, Resource Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment

By email: howard.reed@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Reed

United Wambo – Open Cut Coal Mine (SSD 7142)

I refer to the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine Project (SSD 7142) (the **Project**) referred to the Commission on 12 November 2018 following completion of the Department of Planning and Environment's (the **Department**) Final Assessment Report (the **FAR**).

The Commission requests the following additional information:

Recommendation 30:

The *Assessment of Mine Rehabilitation Against Central Hunter Valley Eucalypt Forest and Woodland Critically Endangered Ecological Community*, prepared by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd (Umwelt Report), dated August 2017, seeks to demonstrate the ability of the applicant to create Central Hunter Valley Eucalypt Forest and Woodland Critically Endangered Ecological Community in mine rehabilitation areas.

The FAR notes that the Rehabilitation Management Plan would include a protocol for progress reviews to demonstrate that the target vegetation communities are on track to being achieved.

Could the Department provide further details regarding this protocol and how the success of mine rehabilitation areas would be monitored?

Draft Conditions of consent:

- Noise Operating Conditions - B4(e):
 - advise of the anticipated frequency of this condition being triggered, including evidence and source of this information? and
 - describe what would constitute 'reasonable steps'?
- Air Quality Operating Conditions - B28(d):
 - advise of the anticipated frequency of this condition, including evidence and source of this information? and
 - confirm that, unlike B4(e), air quality criteria will continue to apply during such conditions?
- Rehabilitation Offsets - B56:
 - what is the genesis of the 25% calculation? and
 - what would be the implications of amending the threshold percentage to reflect the actual percentage of credits that the applicant can achieve?

- the FAR sets out draft conditions of consent recommended by relevant agencies and the Department. Please confirm that the draft conditions of consent referenced in the FAR have been incorporated in the draft conditions of consent, including summary of issue and draft condition of consent reference?

If you have any questions in relation to this request, please contact Alana Jelfs on 9383 2107 or email ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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