

Our Ref: 3687_IPC_Questions on Notice_20201027_ltr

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Stephen Barry
Director of Planning
Independent Planning Commission

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Dear Stephen

Re: Response to Questions on Notice – IPC meeting with Applicant

I refer to the meeting between the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) and Wollongong Coal Limited (Wollongong Coal) on Tuesday 13 October 2020, and IPC correspondence dated 23 October requesting a response to questions on notice. This letter provides a response on behalf of Wollongong Coal to the questions on notice noted in IPC correspondence.

Question 1.

Applicant to advise where a copy of the JORC Report referenced in the meeting can be accessed?

A copy of the JORC assessment for the Revised Underground Expansion Project was provided to Department and Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) and Division of Resources and Geosciences, DPIE on a Commercial in Confidence basis on 20 December 2019.

Question 2.

Applicant to provide clarification on “business closure costs” referenced in the Department’s Assessment Report and whether they are direct costs associated with the mine or were they broader costs.

As noted by Cadence Economics in Appendix 6 of the Russell Vale Colliery Revised Underground Expansion Project Submissions Report Part A (Umwelt 2019), the rehabilitation costs identified in the economic impact assessment of the Russell Vale Colliery Revised Underground Expansion Project should have more correctly been termed ‘business discontinuity, closure and rehabilitation costs’.

Wollongong Coal confirmed to the Resources Regulator on 15 November 2019 that the \$215 million of business discontinuity, closure and rehabilitation costs stated in the Cadence Economics report is inclusive of the following estimated costs:

- Rehabilitation costs as per the Colliery’s current Rehabilitation Cost Estimate,
- Any additional Planned Closure Costs to achieve mining lease relinquishment, and

- Business costs associated with closure of the Russell Vale Colliery, such as redundancies and write off of business losses, fixed assets, accumulated debt and business loans.

We trust this information meets with your current requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 1300 793 267 should you require clarification or further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GA', written over a horizontal line.

Gabrielle Allan
Manager Planning and Assessment NSW