

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Our ref: MP 06_0021-Mod-9

Stephen Barry
Planning Director
NSW Independent Planning Commission

19 September 2025

Subject: Angus Place Modification 9 (MP 06_0021-Mod-9) – Request for Information Response

Dear Mr Barry

I refer to your request seeking a response to questions raised by the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) regarding Angus Place Modification 9 (MP 06_0021-Mod-9) dated 8 September 2025. The Department's response to each of the Commission's questions is set out below.

Question 1: The Assessment Report states that the Application would provide clarity regarding the operation of condition 5 of Schedule 2 and that the current ambiguity of this condition is not in the public interest. What specific operational risks or other implications might arise if this Application is not approved as requested?

The Department agrees with the position presented in Centennial's Submissions Report that the most appropriate interpretation of condition 5 is that it places a limit on the period in which Centennial is authorised to conduct mining operations. Therefore, the consent continues to apply in all other respects until such time as the rehabilitation of the site and other requirements have been carried out to a satisfactory standard. Further discussion regarding the need for modification is presented in Sections 3.2 and 4.2 of the Assessment Report.

On adopting this view, a modification of the consent is not strictly required for Centennial to continue undertaking authorised site activities other than mining operations. Therefore, the Department considers that there would be no specific operational risks that arise if the modification application was not approved. However, the Department maintains that the modification is in the public interest as it provides greater clarity and certainty to the terms of the original approval.

Question 2: The current approval requires rehabilitation to commence as soon as practicable. Are there any current commitments from the Applicant in this regard? If no mining is proposed under this Application and this Application were approved, what are the Department's expectations for the timing of the decommissioning and rehabilitation of the site?

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The Department understands that a range of rehabilitation planning and works are being undertaken or are scheduled to be undertaken at Angus Place Colliery. Attachment A of this letter outlines these works based on information provided by Centennial.

The Department notes that the site is managed under an existing suite of management plans, including an approved Rehabilitation Strategy and Rehabilitation Management Plan. These plans anticipate mine closure in 2042, following the completion of mining operations associated with Angus Place West, which remains subject to relevant approvals. The Rehabilitation Strategy includes contingency measures should Angus Place West not proceed and/or early closure is required. Decommissioning and a range of additional rehabilitation activities are scheduled to commence following closure.

The modification does not seek to alter the timing, requirements or any other standard regarding rehabilitation.

Question 3: What are the likely differences in environmental impact (including specifically in relation to ongoing management of mine water inflows/outflows) between an immediate commencement of rehabilitation and a rehabilitation program that does not commence until the anticipated mine closure in 2042.

The modification does not alter the terms of the existing approval regarding the ongoing management of mine water. The Department considers that the environmental impacts of rehabilitation processes would be similar regardless of the commencement period, given that the site is currently undertaking progressive rehabilitation planning and works as described above.

The Department notes that mining leases ML 1424 and CCL 704 have been renewed until 18 August 2045 and 2039, respectively, which outline various legal obligations that require site management, decommissioning and rehabilitation activities to continue beyond the cessation of mining operations.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jessie Evans on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Jessie Evans

Director – Energy and Resource Assessments

Enclosed: Attachment A –Rehabilitation Works at Angus Place Colliery

Attachment A–Rehabilitation Works at Angus Place Colliery

Rehabilitation Planning and Management – Timeframe: 2025 to 2030

- Completion of Mine Closure Plan including updating Rehabilitation Risk Assessment and Rehabilitation Management Plan
- Ongoing weed management and pest management
- Subsidence rehabilitation planning
 - Former Angus Place longwall areas
 - Former Newcom mining areas
 - Subsidence lines
- Rehabilitation planning for infrastructure areas
 - Rehabilitation works program development for Angus Place East vent shaft facility
 - Rehabilitation works program development for Kangaroo Creek Trail infrastructure and bore hole site
 - Rehabilitation works program development for Angus Place pit top facility
- Development of a Legacy mine site rehabilitation strategy
 - Rehabilitation works plan for Kerosene Vale site
 - Adit sealing planning and design for Kerosene Vale adits
 - Rehabilitation works plan for former Vale of Clywdd No. 2 pit top area
 - Adit sealing planning and design for former Vale of Clywdd No. 2 drift
 - Rehabilitation works plan for former Commonwealth site
- Water management
 - Review and assessment of post mining water infrastructure and management at legacy mine site including Kerosene Vale, Vale of Cywdd No. 2 and Commonwealth
 - Hydrogeological assessment and development of long term mine water management strategy for Angus Place pit including drift closure and sealing
- Contaminated lands assessment on legacy mine sites within the Lease area
 - Contaminated land assessment at Kerosene Vale site
 - Contaminated land assessment at Vale of Clywdd No. 2 site

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- Contaminated land assessment at Commonwealth site
- Contaminated land assessment at Kangaroo Creek Trail infrastructure and bore hole site

Rehabilitation Management Works – Timeframe: 2027 to 2042

- Subsidence
 - Rehabilitation of identified subsidence impact sites, including rehabilitation monitoring period
 - Removal and rehabilitation of subsidence lines, including rehabilitation monitoring period
- Infrastructure Areas
 - Angus Place East vent shaft facility, including rehabilitation monitoring period
 - Kangaroo Creek Trail infrastructure and bore hole site, including rehabilitation monitoring period
- Legacy Mine Sites
 - Kerosene Vale site, including rehabilitation monitoring period
 - Vale of Clywdd No. 2 pit top area, including rehabilitation monitoring period
 - Commonwealth site, including rehabilitation monitoring period
- Adit and Drift Sealing
 - Kerosene Vale site
 - Vale of Clywdd No. 2 pit top area
- Water Management Works
 - Kerosene Vale site
 - Vale of Clywdd No. 2 pit top area
 - Commonwealth site
 - Angus Place