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Dear Mr Barry,

**Angus Place MP06_0021 – Mod 9
Response to Request for Information**

We refer to the letter dated 24 September 2025 from the Independent Planning Commission (IPC), requesting information regarding the Modification 9 application currently under consideration. Below are our responses to the four specific questions raised.

Question

What risks or impediments for the Applicant (or for other parties) are anticipated to be reduced or removed through the requested modification?

Response

Schedule 2, Condition 5 of MP 06_0021 states that the approval "lapses on 18 August 2024".

As worded, this condition could be interpreted as terminating all authorised activities after that date, including mine decommissioning, rehabilitation, closure, and obligations under the *Mining Act 1992*.

Centennial's position, supported by the Department's Assessment Report, is that Condition 5 limits only the period for mining operations. Other authorised activities, such as rehabilitation and environmental management, remain valid.

Modification 9 seeks to clarify this interpretation by explicitly stating that the lapse date applies solely to mining operations. This change will eliminate ambiguity, align the condition with contemporary mining consent conditions, and mitigate risks of misinterpretation for Centennial and other stakeholders.

Question

What are the negative impacts if the application is not approved?

Response

Without approval of Modification 9, Centennial faces ongoing uncertainty due to the ambiguous wording of Condition 5. This could lead to misinterpretation regarding the continuation of rehabilitation and closure activities.

Approval would provide operational clarity and legal certainty, ensuring that essential post-mining activities can proceed without regulatory confusion. As noted in the Department's Assessment Report, the current ambiguity is not in the public interest.

Question

What are the practical risks or operational barriers that could delay the immediate commencement of rehabilitation at Angus Place Colliery?

Response

There are no risks or barriers delaying rehabilitation at Angus Place.

Rehabilitation has already commenced and is progressing in a progressive manner as required by the rehabilitation requirements under the consent and *Mining Act 1992*. Rehabilitation is being undertaken in accordance with the Rehabilitation Strategy, Rehabilitation Management Plan, and Mine Closure Plan.

Ongoing and planned works include activities across legacy mining areas and former longwall panels, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

Question

Are there any interdependencies between the rehabilitation of Angus Place Colliery and the development or future operation of Angus Place West (if approved) that would justify delaying rehabilitation works?

Response

Rehabilitation at Angus Place is underway and has not been delayed.

Mine rehabilitation and closure is a complex and multi-phase process involving planning, decommissioning, landform development, subsidence rectification works, revegetation, environmental management and long-term monitoring. According to the NSW Resources' *Guideline for Achieving Rehabilitation Completion* (August 2024), this process may span over a decade, followed by a similar period for monitoring and active management works to ensure performance before rehabilitation is deemed complete.

Angus Place holds mining tenures valid until 2039 (CCL704), 2044 (ML1853) and 2045 (ML1424), with remaining coal resources subject to future approvals. Within the Angus Place Colliery Holding, there are remaining coal resource that are available for extraction and a requirement of mining lease tenure is to maximise resource recovery, with the resultant economic benefits from employment opportunities generated and economic contribution to the local and NSW State economy.

The Angus Place West project is being developed to access these remaining coal resources and continue supplying Mt Piper Power Station.

A Scoping Report is in preparation, with an Environmental Impact Statement (**EIS**) scheduled for 2026 and anticipated approval by 2028. If approved, the project would utilise existing infrastructure, deferring decommissioning of certain assets until mining concludes. This infrastructure facilitates the economic viability of Angus Place West.

The project would extend mining operations by up to nine years, maintaining the anticipated closure date of 2042. Approval would necessitate updates to the Rehabilitation Management Plan to reflect additional closure and rehabilitation requirements.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Ron Bush General Manager – Development & Approvals on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or via email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



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