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Subject: Rix's Creek - Council Review of Rehab Conditions
Attachments: DPIE Recommended Draft Conditions 24 Sept 2019.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Mr Linnane and Mr Ihlein,

I am writing in regard to the Rix's Creek South Continuation of Mining Application (SSD 6300) that the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) is currently considering. Singleton Council elected members and management staff have provided valuable input into the assessment process to date, attending a meeting with the Panel of Commissioners on 29 July 2019 and providing feedback on the application.

In past representations, Council requested the opportunity to review draft rehabilitation conditions given the proximity of the project to the Singleton township. The Commission was provided with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's revised recommended rehabilitation conditions on 24 September 2019. The Commission is still considering the application, and in doing so would like to seek Council's comment on the draft conditions. The draft conditions require both a Rehabilitation Strategy and Rehabilitation Management Plan.

Please find attached the Department's recommended conditions. The Commission is also considering the following potential amendments related to rehabilitation:

- Considering Condition B72(l) is adjusted to read *"include a risks and opportunities assessment and risk register that includes risks associated with unplanned closure or care and maintenance"*.
- Considering Condition B72(p) is adjusted to read *"include a program to review and refine the final landform and final void outcomes to meet the relevant Rehabilitation Objectives in Table 6, in consultation with the Resources Regulator and the Council every three years"*.

The Commission seeks Singleton Council's comment on the draft rehabilitation conditions (refer to pages 25 and 26 of the attached). Council's comment on these draft conditions is requested to be returned to the Commission by COB 2 October 2019 or as soon as practicable.

I wish to reaffirm that this assessment is still underway and any determination is yet to be made.

Kind regards,
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