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Dear Ms Johnston

Exhibition of Minmi / Newcastle Link Road Part 3A Concept Plan (MP10_0090)

The following comments are provided by the Coal Advice Branch of Mineral Resources, Industry and Investment NSW (I&I NSW) in response to the exhibition of the above Environmental Assessment.

The development site overlies Late Permian Newcastle Coal Measures and Tomago Coal Measures. The residential development site itself is not covered by any current coal titles. However the proposed Stockington conservation offset land overlies: mining lease ML1618 (Abel Mine) and exploration licence EL5497, held by Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd; mining lease ML1555 (Tasman Mine) and exploration licence EL5337, held by Newcastle Coal Company Pty Ltd; and consolidated coal lease CCL725 (West Wallsend Mine), held by Oceanic Coal Australia Limited.

The area lies within three Mine Subsidence Districts, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Killingworth – Wallsend. Mineable resources have likely been exhausted within the Newcastle Coal Measures in this area. However, a recent review of regional geological data suggests there are coal seams likely to be of sufficient quality and thickness to be economic to mine within the Tomago Coal Measures.

The Coal Advice Branch of Mineral Resources, I&I NSW has no objections to the Concept Plan provided underground mining remains permissible. The proponent should consult with the Mine Subsidence Board on construction design parameters.


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