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APPENDIX A – Related correspondence with Government Agencies



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Our ref: 10/07572

Mr Andrew Wright
Environmental Officer
Werris Creek Coal Pty Limited
PO Box 125
WERRIS CREEK NSW 2341

Dear Mr Wright

**Werris Creek Coal Mine (10_0059)
Approval of Heritage Consultants**

I refer to your recent e-mails requesting the Director-General's endorsement of Advitech Pty Limited (Advitech) to prepare a Historic Heritage Assessment and Heritage Management Plan for the Werris Creek Coal mine, as required by conditions 30 and 32 of schedule 3 of the project approval for the mine (10_0059).

The Department has reviewed the information you provided, and considers the nominated consultants have the required qualifications and experience to undertake the assessment and prepare the plan. Therefore the Director-General has approved the appointment of the following Advitech consultants:

- Balazs Hansel – Senior Archaeologist; and
- Sam Wood – Archaeologist.

Please contact Paul Freeman if further assistance with this matter is required.

Yours sincerely

David Kitto 13/12/11

David Kitto
Director
Mining and Industry Projects
as Delegate for the Director-General



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File No: 12/08058
Job ID: A8880719
Your Ref: J0110405

Tiffany Keast
Archaeologist
Advitech Environmental
PO Box 207
MAYFIELD NSW 2304

Dear Ms Keast

Reference is made to the report titled 'Archaeological Investigation and Heritage Record-Former Werris Creek Colliery by Advitech Environmental (dated May 2012) resubmitted by Advitech to the NSW Heritage Council in fulfilment of Schedule 3 Condition 30 of Project Approval 10_0059 issued by the Department of Planning & Infrastructure.

As this Archival Recording is stored in the format required for archival storage of images it has been placed in the Heritage Council Library as an information source on the former Werris Creek Colliery.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Katrina Stankowski at Katrina.Stankowski@heritage.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

08/06/2012

Vincent Sicari
Manager – Conservation Team
Heritage Branch
Office of Environment & Heritage

As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council



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18th June 2012

Chairperson
Nungaroo LALC
2 Station Street
QUIRINDI NSW 2343

Dear Chairperson,

Werris Creek Coal Life of Mine Heritage Management Plan

Werris Creek Coal (WCC) is required by Schedule 3 Condition 32 of Project Approval 10_0059 to prepare a Heritage Management Plan in consultation with Nungaroo and other relevant Aboriginal Groups; and to be approved by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoP).

The WCC LOM Project will extend the life of the current mine up to 20 years and extend the hours of operations to 24 hours per day 7 days per week and increase the maximum production to 2.5 Million tonnes per annum. As part of the LOM Project, WCC committed to relocating the Narrawolga axe grinding grooves site back close to its original location following the completion of the rehabilitated final landform after 2016.

I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for Nungaroo to be consulted over heritage management at WCC. WCC would appreciate a prompt response to enable WCC to make application to DoP for approval. Please do not hesitate to contact Sam Wood (archaeologist assisting) on 4924 5400 or myself on 67687071 or 0488497701 to discuss any items further.

Yours sincerely,

Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd

Andrew Wright

Environmental Officer

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Phil Purcell
Office of Environment & Heritage
48-52 Wingewarra Street
DUBBO NSW 2830

Dear Phillip,

Werris Creek Coal Life of Mine Heritage Management Plan

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Yours sincerely,

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RE: Werris Creek Coal AHIP #2588

Phil PURCELL

to:

sam.wood@advitech.com.au

14/06/2012 09:50 AM

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From: Phil PURCELL <Phil.Purcell@environment.nsw.gov.au>

To: "sam.wood@advitech.com.au" <sam.wood@advitech.com.au>,

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Hi Sam

Based on the information presented in your email my understanding is that part 3A of the *EPA Act 1979* extinguishes part 6 of the *NPA Act 1974* in which case any further harm to Aboriginal objects within the approved 3A mine easement will be managed and mitigated through the 3A cultural heritage management plan process which includes Aboriginal consultation. If you wish further clarification I suggest you seek legal counsel, or contact the Department of Planning and Infrastructure who administer the *EPA Act*.

Good luck with the project.

Regards

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Phillip Purcell

Archaeologist

Office of Environment and Heritage

Department of Premiers and Cabinet

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email: phil.purcell@environment.nsw.gov.au

From: sam.wood@advitech.com.au [<mailto:sam.wood@advitech.com.au>]

Sent: Thursday, 14 June 2012 9:20 AM

To: Purcell Phil

Subject: Werris Creek Coal AHIP #2588

Hi Phil,

Thanks for the chat yesterday regarding AHIP #2588 and the relocation of the Narrawolga grinding grooves.

I just wanted to confirm our conversation.

AHIP #2588 enabled the removal, storage and relocation of the grinding grooves. This AHIP has lapsed. However Werris Creek Coal has expanded their works and is now approved under section 75J (Part 3A). They are now subject to PA 10_0059 which means they do not need to renew or reapply for an AHIP.

Would you mind confirming that this is how you see things too?

Thanks and best,

Sam



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Re: Historic Heritage Werris Creek
Ray Christison
to:
sam.wood
19/06/2012 09:11 AM
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From: Ray Christison <highground@swiftdsl.com.au>
To: <sam.wood@advitech.com.au>,
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1 Attachment



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Sam,

These are very good and I think they will do the job.

Best regards
Ray Christison
Managing Director
High Ground Consulting
www.higround.com.au
0419 438 609

On 19/06/12 8:45 AM, "sam.wood@advitech.com.au" <sam.wood@advitech.com.au> wrote:

Dear Ray,

Sam here from Advitech - we discussed the coal chute / gantry at Werris Creek Mine a week or two ago.

I have had our draftsman draw up an elevation plan and a 3D model of the gantry. The surveyor has also provided a plan of the area with 1m contours.

I was planning to provide these as an addendum to the historic heritage assessment you reviewed and as an appendix to the Heritage Management Plan.

Could you please let me know if this suffices?

All best,

Sam

Sam Wood Archaeologist
sam.wood@advitech.com.au



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Mrs Dorothy Durrant
Quirindi and District Historical Society
44 Station Street
QUIRINDI NSW 2343

Dear Mrs Durrant,

Werris Creek Coal Historical Heritage

Werris Creek Coal (WCC) is currently preparing a Heritage Management Plan for our Life of Mine (LOM) Project to be approved by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoP).

The WCC LOM Project will extend the life of the current mine up to 20 years and extend the hours of operations to 24 hours per day 7 days per week and increase the maximum production to 2.5 Million tonnes per annum.

As part of the actions documented in Heritage Management Plan:

- Does the Quirindi Historical Society have any use for either a dilapidated coal loading chute (left) or old mileage marker (right) associated with the former Werris Creek Colliery?



- The Community Consultative Committee coordinated the development of a booklet on the "History of Coal Mining at Werris Creek". WCC would be prepared to provide at no cost, 100 copies of the booklet to the Quirindi Historical Society to sell in your gift shop to assist in raising funds for your organisation;
- A copy of the photo records of remanent features at the time of removal of the former Werris Creek Colliery has been made available to the Quirindi Historical Society and is enclosed with this letter;
- A copy of the Cultural Heritage Assessment (Landskape, 2010) has been provided to the Quirindi Historical Society as a record of the remnant features of the Werris Creek Colliery at the time of removal and is enclosed with this letter.

I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for Quirindi Historical Society. Please do not hesitate to contact Sam Woods (archaeologist assisting) on 4967 3772 or myself on 8768 7071 or 0488 497 701 to discuss any items further.

Yours sincerely,

Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd

Andrew Wright

Environmental Officer

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Ron Van Katwyk
Liverpool Plains Council
PO Box 152
QUIRINDI NSW 2343

Dear Mr Van Katwyk,

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As part of the actions documented in Heritage Management Plan:

- Does the Liverpool Plains Council have any use for either a dilapidated coal loading chute (left) or old mileage marker (right) associated with the former Werris Creek Colliery?



I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for Liverpool Plains Council. Please do not hesitate to contact Sam Woods (archaeologist assisting) on 4967 3772 or myself on 6768 7071 or 0488 497 701 to discuss any items further.

Yours sincerely,

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Bob McInnes
Quirindi Rural Heritage Village and Museum
PO Box 338
QUIRINDI NSW 2343

Dear Mr McInnes,

Werris Creek Coal Historical Heritage

Werris Creek Coal (WCC) is currently preparing a Heritage Management Plan for our Life of Mine (LOM) Project to be approved by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoP).

The WCC LOM Project will extend the life of the current mine up to 20 years and extend the hours of operations to 24 hours per day 7 days per week and increase the maximum production to 2.5 Million tonnes per annum.

As part of the actions documented in Heritage Management Plan:

- Does the Quirindi Rural Heritage Village and Museum have any use for a dilapidated coal loading chute associated with the former Werris Creek Colliery?



I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for Quirindi Rural Heritage Village and Museum. Please do not hesitate to contact Sam Wood (archaeologist assisting) on 4967 3772 or myself on 6768 7071 or 0488 497 701 to discuss any items further.

Yours sincerely,

Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd

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Chris Holley
Werris Creek Rail Journeys Museum
ARM Management Inc.
PO Box 43, Werris Creek NSW 2341

Dear Mr Holley,

Werris Creek Coal Historical Heritage

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- Does the Werris Creek Rail Journeys Museum have any use for a dilapidated coal loading chute associated with the former Werris Creek Colliery?



- The Community Consultative Committee coordinated the development of a booklet on the "History of Coal Mining at Werris Creek". WCC would be prepared to provide at no cost, 100 copies of the booklet to the Werris Creek Rail Journeys Museum to sell in your gift shop to assist in raising funds for your organisation.

I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for Werris Creek Rail Journeys Museum. Please do not hesitate to contact Sam Wood (archaeologist assisting) on 4924 5400 or myself on 6768 7071 or 0488 497 701 to discuss any items further.

Yours sincerely,

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Andrew Wright

Environmental Officer

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Heritage Management Plan Consultation Record

Initiator	Consultation with	Date	Time	Consultation
Sam Wood (Advitech)	Nungaroo LALC	18/6/2012		Letter sent with HMP seeking feedback
Sam Wood (Advitech)	Phil Purcell (OEH)	18/6/2012		Letter sent with HMP seeking feedback
Sam Wood (Advitech)	Phil Purcell (OEH)	26/6/2012	12:20pm	20pm Spoke to Phil Purcell of OEH Dubbo. HE felt he wouldn't get to review the HMP as too busy. We spoke about the Grinding Grooves and the site in general. He was happy and said he would email to confirm that he wouldn't be reviewing the HMP.
Sam Wood (Advitech)	Nungaroo LALC	26/6/2012	1:05pm	Left a message on Nungaroo LALC phone regarding consultation and feedback on the HMP. Left phone number but stated would call back too.
Sam Wood (Advitech)	Mark Austin (Nungaroo LALC)	27/6/2012	9:40am	Spoke to Mark Austin CEO of Nungaroo LALC regarding the HMP. Mark confirmed that the Chairperson Donald Peach had reviewed the HMP and was happy with it.



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Contact: Stephen O'Donoghue

Phone: 0477 345 626

Email: stephen.o'donoghue@planning.nsw.gov.au

Mr Andrew Wright
Environmental Officer
Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd
PO Box 125
WERRIS CREEK NSW 2341


Dear Mr Wright

Werris Creek Mine Extension Project (Project Approval 10_0059) Approval of Heritage Management Plan

I refer to the draft Heritage Management Plan for the Werris Creek Mine Extension Project first submitted in June 2012. A revised version (Rev G) of this plan was submitted on 25 October 2012 following comments provided by the Department. The Department has completed its review and considers the plan appropriately drafted. Accordingly, the Director-General has approved the Heritage Management Plan.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to the above, please contact Stephen O'Donoghue.

Yours sincerely

 1/11/12

David Kitto
Director
Mining & Industry Projects
as the Director-General's nominee



Reference: 6 March 2014
Contact: Belinda Eykamp

6 March 2014

Mr. Peter Easey
C/-Whitehaven Mine
Werris Creek Road
Werris Creek NSW 2341

Dear Peter,

Re Axe Grinding Groove Rocks located at Whitehaven Mine Site Werris Creek NSW

The Nungaroo Land Council and the Liverpool Plains Shire Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee would like to request that *Axe Grinding Groove Rocks* currently located at the Werris Creek Whitehaven Mine site be relocated to the Willow Tree Visitor Information Centre for public display. The rocks will become an integral part of the tourist attraction *The Kamilaroi: A Highway and a People* project.

The Willow Tree Visitor Information Centre is located at the junction of the New England and Kamilaroi Highways. A recent Aboriginal scoping study identified the need for a prominent marker defining the only highway in NSW named after an Aboriginal nation.

These rocks are of significant cultural importance to the Aboriginal people in this area and at their present position are virtually inaccessible to the general public. Members of both Nungaroo and the Advisory Committee were hoping that this request could be approved and the rocks relocated in time for NAIDOC Week Celebrations in July as a Flag Raising Ceremony to be conducted at the Visitor Information Centre is being organised.

We look forward to your positive response to this request.

Yours faithfully,

Neil McGarry
**DIRECTOR – ECONOMIC &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

This request is supported by-Jason Allen-CEO Walhallow Land Council, Gordon Nean- Gomeroi Elder, Carmel Brickell- Wirrajuri Elder, Mary Slater-Community Project Officer Aboriginal Affairs and Tom Taylor-Member Liverpool Plains Shire Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee.
(All of the above are members of the Liverpool Plains Shire Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee)

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Andrew Wright

From: Stephen O'Donoghue <Stephen.O'Donoghue@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2014 3:55 PM
To: Andrew Wright
Subject: Re: FW: Request for removal of Axe Grinding Rocks.dot

Andrew - I had a quick chat with Phil Purcell. Would seem OK - the CHMP should be revised to reflect proposed relocation and ongoing management under care and control agreement under the NPW Act. You will also need to demonstrate that you have consulted with all RAPs that were identified for the project and show evidence of this consultation.

Cheers

Steve

Stephen O'Donoghue
Senior Planner
Mining Projects
Planning & Infrastructure
Phone 0477 345 626
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>>> Andrew Wright AWright@whitehavencoal.com.au 7/03/2014 15:33 >>

Sonya

I was given your name as the relevant heritage contact at OEH for the North West now that Robert Taylor is no longer at OEH. I apologise if you are not the relevant contact.

Werris Creek Coal has received a request from the local aboriginal land council (Nungaroo) and Liverpool Plains Shire Council to relocate grinding groove rocks that were salvaged from mining disturbance in 2007 to the visitor information centre at Willow Tree as part of a public display (I assume permanently). I have attached the letter.

I would of attached our current approved Heritage Management Plan but aware of email size limits. I can provide the HMP as a separate email so you can understand the background and history to the Narrawolga Axe Grinding Groove rocks. However this request is not a current commitment of WCC and would be outside the scope of the current Heritage Management Plan. I am asking for OEH's advice as to what approvals, consultation and investigations would be required to fulfil the request made by Nungaroo and Council?

Steve

Similarly, would DoP just require the Heritage Management Plan to be amended to incorporate the proposed permanent relocation to the Willow Tree Visitor Information Centre?

Regards

Andrew Wright

Environmental Officer – Werris Creek Coal

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From: Belinda Eykamp [<mailto:belinda.eykamp@lpsc.nsw.gov.au>]

Sent: Thursday, 6 March 2014 3:40 PM

To: Peter Easey

Cc: Neil McGarry; Mary Slater; Jenny Kent

Subject: Request for removal of Axe Grinding Rocks.dot

Dear Peter,

Please find attached letter of support for the removal of Axe Grinding Groove Rocks from their present site at Werris Creek for relocation at the Willow Tree Visitor Information Centre.

Thankyou for your assistance with this Peter and hopefully the Department of Lands will give permission for this to happen.

Kind regards

Belinda

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