

Our ref: Drayton Rail Loop (DA106-04-00-Mod-1)

Lisa Andrews
Independent Chair
Drayton Rail Loop and Antiene Rail Spur CCC

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Subject: Determination of Drayton Rail Loop and Antiene Rail Spur Modification 1

Dear Ms Andrews

On 18 September 2023, the Director Hunter and Central Coast approved the modification application for the Drayton Rail Loop and Antiene Rail Spur (DA106-04-00-Mod-1), under Section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The consent is subject to conditions. The assessment report contains our rationale for the conditions. You can view the assessment report and conditions on the NSW Planning Portal at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.

In making the determination for the modification, the Department made the decision to remove the requirement for Maxwell to continue to operate the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) previously required by Condition 9.1 of DA 106-04-00 (i.e. the Drayton Rail Loop and Antiene Rail Spur CCC – a joint CCC comprising of members from the Maxwell Project CCC and the Mt Arthur Coal Project CCC).

The Department understands that both Maxwell and Hunter Valley Energy Coal (HVEC) are required to operate a CCC in accordance with the development consents for the Maxwell Project (SSD 9526) and the Mount Arthur Coal Project (DA106-04-00) respectively. The Department considers that Maxwell and HVEC will continue to keep their respective CCCs up to date with respect to the rail operations along the Antiene Rail Line.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on (02) 4908 8696.

Yours sincerely



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