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Dear Ms Whitten

Re: Public Exhibition – Macquariedale Road, Appin Planning Proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

The proposal area is located within the highly prospective Southern Coalfield of NSW which contains a large and economically viable resource of metallurgical coal. The GSNSW has a vision and scope to ensure the environmentally, socially and economically effective and sustainable use of the State's energy resources.

The proposal area coincides with four resource authorities all held by Endeavour Coal Pty Ltd (South32). These are CCL767, ML1678, AUTH397 and AUTH199. Mining of the highly prospective Bulli coal seam has already been completed in this area by South32 and mining of deeper coal seams is not currently considered economic.

In line with the concept of sequential development, as target coal resources have been depleted, GSNSW supports the proposed rezoning.

Geoscience Information Services

The GSNSW has a range of online data related to mineral exploration, land use and general geoscience topics:

<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services>

The location of current exploration and mining titles in NSW, explanations of mining and production titles and the roles of community and government in the decision making process for mining/resource projects may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities:

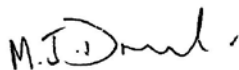
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<http://commonground.nsw.gov.au>

<https://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/geoscience-information/services/online-services/minview>

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Drummond'.

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