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Dear Iain

PLANNING PROPOSAL – RECREATION LAND USE ZONES – PP_2021_6586

Thank you for your email regarding the Recreation Land Use Zones Planning Proposal (Your Ref: PP_2021_6586).

Subsidence Advisory NSW (SA NSW) understands that the proposal involves rezoning various lots in the Cessnock LGA to more closely align the existing land use with an appropriate land zoning.

Some of the nominated lots are in the Bellbird-Millfield, Tomalpin and Maitland West Mine Subsidence District. Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development within a proclaimed mine subsidence district requires approval from SA NSW under section 22 of the *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 2017*.

The risk of subsidence on the undermined lots varies and some sites have surface mining features such as drifts and shafts. In order to manage mine subsidence risks; future surface development on sites within the mine subsidence district should be referred to SA NSW for assessment prior to approving any Development Application.

SA NSW will assess future applications for surface development in accordance with the relevant SA NSW policies at the time of application.

Please contact the undersigned, at subsidedevelopment@customerservice.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 4908 4300 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this advice.

Yours sincerely



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