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Dear Mr Collison Gautam

Subject: Planning Proposal (PP-2022-3979) – Greater Macarthur Growth Area – Planning Proposal to Rezone the Appin (Part) Precinct for Urban Development

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) – Geological Survey of NSW (GSNSW).

MEG-GSNSW notes the objective of the Planning Proposal is to facilitate the rezoning of the subject land to enable residential development (12,000+ new homes), roads and environmental management of ecologically significant land. The proposal involves rezoning from (RU2) Rural Landscape to (UDZ) Urban Development, (SP2) Infrastructure and (C2) Environmental Conservation.

MEG-GSNSW has reviewed the Planning Proposal Report and notes the Appin (Part) Precinct overlaps a portion of the mining area of the approved Bulli Seam Operations Project. Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC), a wholly owned subsidiary of South32 Limited, has approval to extract the coal using longwall mining techniques. Longwall mining has been completed for much of the Appin (Part) Precinct. Five small longwalls remain to be mined. These are located beneath Macquariedale Road. Based on current extraction rates, extraction could take place between 2035 and 2040.

Mining operations have progressed northwest of the Appin (Part) Precinct on the western side of the Hume Highway. Mine infrastructure, such as gas pipelines, vent shafts, and coal washery, remains in the Appin (Part) Precinct as coal is transported underground to extractions points east of Appin Village.

MEG-GSNSW understands the proposal will be supported by measures to avoid or minimise any incompatibility with future mining uses in the site's immediate vicinity. Furthermore, to manage areas where mining has yet to take place, a satisfactory arrangement provision could be implemented, requiring the completion of mining before the issue of development consent. Accordingly, MEG-GSNSW has no resource sterilisation concerns regarding the planning proposal.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the MEG-GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@regional.nsw.gov.au.



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. J. Drummond'.

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