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Dear Graeme

## **EMPTY COAL TRUCKS ROUTE – MT PIPER POWER STATION TO CLARENCE COLLIERY**

Thank you for your time this week where Centennial was able to discuss a range of issues with Council. To formalise our discussions Centennial's Clarence Colliery (Clarence) is seeking approval from Lithgow City Council to enable empty coal haulage trucks return to the Clarence Colliery from the Mount Piper Power Station through the city of Lithgow.

Clarence's Development Consent (granted in 2005) enables Clarence to transport coal to the Mount Piper Power Station by truck. Coal haulage operations from the intersection of Station Street and Harley Avenue are limited to:

- 25 one way truck movements per day; and
- No more than 8 one way truck movements in an hour.

Approved hours of trucking operations are between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm Monday to Saturday and between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm on Sundays and public holidays.

All trucks hauling coal from Clarence Colliery to the Mount Piper Power Station:

- Turn left from Clarence Colliery Road onto Chifley Road;
- Continue east along Chifley Road to where Chifley Road intersects with Darling Causeway;
- Turn right onto Darling Causeway and travel south towards Mount Victoria;
- Turn right from Station Street onto the Great Western Highway towards Lithgow;
- Continue along the Great Western Highway towards the Castlereagh Highway, before turning left onto the Wallerawang Power Station Haul Road.

Presently haul trucks must return to the Clarence Colliery via the same haul route.

In accordance with the conditions of consent, Clarence is seeking approval from Lithgow City Council to enable empty coal haulage trucks to return to Clarence from Mount Piper Power Station through the city of Lithgow.



The conditions of consent (Condition 7A) require Clarence to not cause any coal truck movements through the City of Lithgow without the prior approval of the Council.

Clarence is proposing the transport of **empty coal haulage** trucks through the city of Lithgow would:

- **Only occur during daylight hours only (7am – 6pm)**
- **Be undertaken 7 days a week (Monday to Sunday)**
- **Be limited to no more than 25 truck movements a day**
- **Be limited to no more than 8 truck movements in any one hour period**

As you requested at our meeting, due to there being three schools on the route through Lithgow, empty coal haulage trucks will **not travel through the city of Lithgow during school drop off and pick up periods** (i.e. between the periods of 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4pm).

The proposed haulage route for empty coal haulage trucks through Lithgow is shown below and involves:

- Trucks turning left from the Great Western Highway onto Main Street;
- Turning right from Main Street onto Lithgow Street;
- Turning left from Lithgow Street onto Mort Street;
- Continuing along Mort Street, Eddy Street and onto Chifley Road;
- Continuing along Chifley Road and turning left onto Clarence Colliery Road.

Additionally, to improve driver awareness of Centennial's expectations for truck drivers when operating on the public road network, a Code of Conduct for coal haulage operators will be developed. The Code of Conduct will focus on good driver behaviour including:

- Keeping appropriate distances between vehicles
- Overtaking with care
- Observing designated speed limits
- Making sufficient allowance for slowing down and stopping
- Exercising caution in reduced visibility conditions
- Considering cyclists and pedestrians
- Convoying

Once developed, Centennial Coal will make all Coal haulage operators aware of the Code of Conduct through the sites induction program. The purpose of the Code of Conduct will be to reinforce appropriate and safe driver behaviour and expectations when operating on the public road network

Clarence is seeking approval from Lithgow City Council to have empty coal haulage trucks return to the Clarence Colliery through the city of Lithgow 7 days a week in accordance with the limitations and restrictions detailed above and utilising the proposed haulage route detailed above and shown in the below map.



If you have any further queries please contact James Wearne, Group Manager Approvals, on  
or,

Yours sincerely

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## Proposed Route for Return Empty Coal Haulage Trucks

