

Griffin go ahead

Council gives okay for continued operations

COLLIE Shire Council has cleared the way for Griffin Coal to continue mining activities within its current area of operations.

The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) had referred Griffin's application for a mining lease and prospecting licence covering its Palmer operations to the shire for comment.

Councillors unanimously supported the application.

Concern had been expressed the miner's activities would impact other users within the wider Coolangatta Industrial Estate associated with Collie's Just Transition planning, including Green Steel of WA.

Green Steel is seeking to start construction of a recycling mill at the estate

mid-next year. But Griffin environmental superintendent Paul Irving said the miner is focused on its current area of operations.

Mr Irving added that Green Steel and other stakeholders have no objections to Griffin's applications.

"Green Steel has touched base with the

Collie shire to express support for the applications," Mr Irving said.

"The key stakeholders in this area have expressed their support."

Deputy shire president Joe Italiano said council had been told there would be no negative impact on other projects.

"We've been told that it's not going to

impinge on activities of other potential users and the current users there," Cr Italiano said.

"Council has no objection to the existing operation."

Council's response will go to DEMIRS, which will carry out assessment of Griffin's applications.



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