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RE:

Austar Coal Mine

**Proposal to Lengthen Longwall A5a by 127m – (DA 29/95 –MOD5)
Environmental Assessment**



Dear Mr Phillips

Thank you for your letter dated 30/1/2012.

We have also received a copy of Austar's application letter to you and the supporting Environmental Assessment (EA).

We are the owners of 282 Quorrobolong Road under which this proposed extension is planned.

NOTE: We currently have an irrigation licence for Cony Creek.

As you will understand, we do not have expertise in mining engineering or environmental science so our response to Austar's application to you will be limited by our technical knowledge.

With this in mind, we note in the Austar's Executive Summary that:

- The increased length of Longwall A5A will run under our property and, more specifically, under Cony Creek
- That the subsidence and tilt will "increase slightly"
- That this is an increase of not more than 5% on top of the previous predictions.
- There will be a maximum subsidence at Cony and Quorrobolong Creeks of less than 10% greater than the last layout.
- Austar state that "it is unlikely that there would be any significant changes in the levels of impact on the natural features and items of surface infrastructure resulting from the proposed variations to Longwall A5A".

Given the technical complexity of this matter we think you would be in a better position than us to comment on the above claims by Austar. Could you please answer the following questions:

- Based on the information provided in Austar's document, do you confirm their predictions?
- More specifically, is it "likely" that this new proposal will have any impact on the amount or degree of flow of water in Cony and Quorrobolong Creeks?
- How will these changes be assessed by you?
- What compensation will be provided if there is any variation to the existing flow/amount of water?

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

We are happy for you to reply via email at:

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Regards



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