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Dear Ms Evans

**Re: Hunter valley Operations North Coal Mine Modification 6
(DA 450-10-2003 MOD 6) Environmental Assessment exhibition**

I refer to your email of 4 November 2016 inviting the Division of Resources and Energy (the Division) to make a submission on a modification application by HV Operations Pty Limited (the Proponent) to modify consent for the HVO North Coal Mine.

The Division has reviewed the information provided in the Environmental Assessment (EA) *Hunter Valley North Operations Modification 6 Carrington In-pit Fine Reject Emplacement*, dated November 2016.

The Division has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project. The Division has also determined that the applicant has adequately identified and assessed risks to environmental sustainability and adequately addressed the risks to the conclusion that the project is likely to reach a satisfactory outcome.

The Division supports approval of the modification.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer on (02) 9842 8573.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'K Hargreaves'.

Kylie Hargreaves 1.12.16
Deputy Secretary
Resources & Energy