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Dear Mr Winter

**Mt Pleasant Coal Mine (DA 92/97)
Modification 2 – Assessment Pathway and Requirements**

I refer to your letter of 27 May 2016 seeking confirmation on the process and environmental assessment requirements for a proposed modification application to extend the mine life of the Mt Pleasant Coal Mine (DA 92/97).

The Department understands that MACH Energy is finalising its acquisition of Mt Pleasant from Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd and that it intends to commence mining operations as soon as practicable and permissible, after the purchase is finalised. MACH Energy also intends to lodge a modification application to extend the life of the consent to allow for an additional six years of approved mining operations.

I can confirm that the proposed modification falls within the scope of section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The now-repealed section 75W is continued by transitional provisions found in clause 12 of Schedule 6A of the EP&A Act, and therefore remains in effect for DA 92/97.

In regards to the Environmental Assessment (EA), the Department supports and requires the preparation of contemporary air quality, greenhouse gas, noise, blasting, landscape, rehabilitation and road transport assessments that reflect the proposed extension to the life of mining operations, as these are likely to be the key considerations related to the modification. The Department also requires MACH Energy to address all other impacts, such as visual amenity, water, heritage and biodiversity, to the extent necessary.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above, please contact Matthew Sprott, Team Leader – Resource Assessments, on 9228 2054.

Yours sincerely

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as the Secretary's nominee