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Dear Mr Lauritzen

**Mount Pleasant Operation (DA92/97)
Demolition of Bengalla Link Road Bridge**

I refer to your recent correspondence regarding the timing of demolition of the Bengalla Link Road bridge in accordance with condition 37(e), Schedule 3 of DA 92/97.

The Department understands that the conditions of consent currently require MACH Energy to demolish the Bengalla Link Road bridge by no later than 31 October 2022, however MACH Energy wishes to retain the bridge in place beyond this date for operational reasons, and to minimise community disruption associated with works in the public road corridor.

The Department understands that MACH Energy has consulted with both Bengalla Mining Company (BMC) and Muswellbrook Shire Council, and all parties agree that the bridge should remain in place until BMC completes works to realign Bengalla Link Road in accordance with the Authorisations for the Bengalla Mine. In addition, MACH Energy has agreed with Muswellbrook Shire Council that the bond lodged during construction of the bridge will remain in place until demolition is complete, and that MACH Energy will continue to take responsibility for the bridge and any associated road related infrastructure, including management and maintenance.

Accordingly, the Secretary has agreed to extend the timeframe in which MACH Energy is required to demolish the Bengalla Link Road bridge, until after the realignment of Bengalla Link Road has been completed by BMC. However, the Secretary may direct MACH Energy to demolish the bridge earlier in accordance with condition 37(e), should either BMC and/or Muswellbrook Shire Council change their position in relation to this matter.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joe Fittell on 02 4908 6896.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
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As nominee of the Secretary