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Dear Mr Hart

**Western Coal Services (SSD-5579 Mod 4)  
Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the above proposal ended on 21 February 2022. All submissions and advice received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-4-water-transfer-and-management-system>.

Please be advised that the Department is expecting further advice from the Environment Protection Authority, the Department's Water branch, NSW Resources Regulator and the Biodiversity Conservation and Science Directorate, which will be provided to you once it is available.

The Department requires that you provide a written response to issues raised in the submissions and advice, as required under Section 104 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Development (SSD) Guidelines (2021)*. The *Preparing a Submissions Report Guideline* forms part of the SSD Guidelines (Appendix C).

In addition to the matters raised in submissions, please provide further information in your response regarding the following:

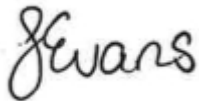
- further clarification is required regarding the alignment of the current and proposed operational life of:
  - the proposed water transfers,
  - McPhillamy's Gold Project; and
  - Mount Piper Power Station (MPPS);and what contingency measures are proposed should the life of these operations not align;
- further clarification is required regarding contingency measures should water transfer to McPhillamy's Gold Project or MPPS not be available, either temporarily or long term; and

- further clarification if required regarding the long-term rehabilitation objectives associated with water discharges from the site post closure, and how these objectives would be achieved in the absence of ongoing water transfers to McPhillamy's Gold Project or MPPS.

Please provide a consolidated submissions report within two months, or by Friday 29 April 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabrielle Allan, who can be contacted on 02 9585 6078 or at [gabrielle.allan@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gabrielle.allan@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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