

MINING, EXPLORATION & GEOSCIENCE ADVICE RESPONSE

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Dear Andrew

Project: Clarence Colliery and Charbon Colliery modifications - Rehabilitation
Stage: Advice on Modification Report
Development Application: DA504-00-Mod-6 and MP08_0211-Mod-2

I refer to your referral dated 6 October 2020 inviting the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide advice on the Charbon Colliery (MP08_0211-Mod-2) and Clarence Colliery (DA504-00-Mod-6) Modifications (the Modifications) submitted by Centennial Coal Company Limited.

The modifications are seeking to allow the receipt of coarse coal reject from Clarence Colliery by rail for rehabilitation at Charbon Colliery and the extension of rail water transfer from Charbon to Airly Mine until 31 December 2036.

The relevant units internal to MEG have been consulted in generating this advice. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Proponent should be aware that matters concerning subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator, safety, rehabilitation and environmental impacts of final landform design are not assessed by MEG and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

MEG has assessed the potential resource recovery at Charbon Colliery and verified that Charbon Colliery has exhausted the currently available resource (within the approved consent and Mining Lease areas) and that there is no further extraction that is economically feasible.

MEG supports the objectives of the Modifications and concludes that should the Modifications be approved, efficient and optimised resource outcomes can be achieved, and any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

For further advice concerning this matter, please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit on 02 4063 6534 or assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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