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Our reference: DOC14/125826
Contact: David Geering 6883 5335
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Dear Mr Liew

RE: Winpinjong Mine Modification (05-0021 MOD 6)

I refer to your email dated 25th June 2014 requesting comments on the above proposal from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

OEH has responsibilities under the;

- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* - namely the protection and care of Aboriginal objects and places, the protection and care of native flora and fauna and the protection and management of reserves; and the
- *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* which aims to conserve threatened species of flora and fauna, populations and ecological communities to promote their recovery and manage processes that threaten them;
- *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 2003* – ensuring compliance with the requirements of this legislation.

OEH understands that the proposed modification is to increase the upper rate of run-of-mine coal production from 15 million tonnes per annum to approximately 16 million tonnes per annum, increase the upper rate of waste rock production from 33.3 million bank cubic metres to approximately 34.1 million bank cubic metres and revision of mine sequencing associated with geological modelling.mine planning.

There will be no changes to the existing surface infrastructure or operations at Wilpinjong Mine. No change is proposed to the approved mining footprint and mining zones.

Based on the information provided, the OEH has no specific comments to make on the proposed modification at this stage. We assume that the proposal has adequately considered the requirements under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* of the OEH areas of responsibility (ie. natural and cultural heritage conservation issues). Please note that if subsequent information indicates that these areas within the OEH's responsibility require further investigation, OEH may provide future input.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of the OEH please contact David Geering, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5335 or david.geering@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SArdill', written in a cursive style.

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