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Mr Matthew Sprott
Director Resource Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Locked Bag 5022
Parramatta NSW 2124
(Via electronic submission)

Dear Matthew,

Re: Austar Coal Mine – MP08_0111-PA and DA29/95 Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs

Austar Coal Mine operates in accordance with MP08_0111-PA, Development Consent DA29/95 and a suite of approved environmental management strategies, plans and programs.

Schedule 7 Condition 4 of MP08_0111-PA and Schedule 5 Condition 8 of DA 29/95 states within 3 months of the submission of an annual review or an audit report the Proponent shall review the strategies, plans and programs required under these approvals to the satisfaction of the Secretary. Where this review leads to revisions in any such document, then within 4 weeks (MP08_0111-PA) or 6 weeks (DA29/95) of the review the revised document must be submitted for the approval of the Secretary.

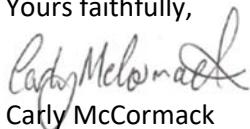
Austar Coal Mine intends to update its Environmental Management Strategy and associated environmental management plans to reflect the change in operation to a care and maintenance phase, as previously advised.

The Austar Coal Mine Annual Review 2019-2020 was submitted to the Department on 30 September 2020. Furthermore, Austar Coal Mine have completed the site component of our Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) with the close out meeting held on 26 November 2020. The audit report is due to the Department within 6 weeks of completing the audit, i.e. 7 January 2021.

As both the Annual Review and IEA are being completed in such close succession, and that the IEA may result in recommendations that could lead to revisions of the management plans, Austar Coal Mine request permission to delay review and revision of our management plans until following submission of the IEA report. Could you please advise if the Department would be agreeable to this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4993 7334 or 0447 913 693 if further information or clarification on the above matter is required.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Carly McCormack', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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