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Dear Mr Reed

**WEST CLIFF DIESEL STORAGE FACILITY AND REFUELLING STATION  
PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

I refer to your letter dated 20 November 2008 regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) submitted by BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal Holdings Pty Ltd in respect of the West Cliff Diesel Storage Facility and Refuelling Station Project.

Technical officers within the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Mineral Resources Division have reviewed the EA and make the following comments:

The EA does not indicate that the run-off water will be directed through an oil water separator. While the EA does indicate that run-off will be directed through a 'Humeceptor', which is considered to be more a 'gross pollutant trap', not an oil-water separator. Installation of oil-water separators is best practice, and would prevent oils contaminating the run-off directed to sediment dams and eventually Brennans Creek.

The EA acknowledges that a Mining Operations Plan (MOP) amendment is required. The proponent should be reminded that a revised Rehabilitation Cost Estimate (RCE) will also be required as part of the MOP amendment.

If you have any further questions on this submission please contact me on (02) 8289 3931.

Yours sincerely

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24 December 2008