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Dear Melanie

Response to Submissions – Ashton South East Open Cut – MOD 1 (MP 08_0182 MOD 1)

I refer to your e-mail dated 22 March 2018 in which the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) invited the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to review the 'Response to Submissions' Report for the proposed modification to the Ashton South East Open Cut coal mine.

In advice provided on 16 February 2017 on the modification application (our reference DOC17/88787-2), OEH made a single recommendation that OEH should be notified of when works under the consent commenced, as that sets the timeframe for the delivery of components of the Biodiversity Offset strategy.

OEH accepts that there is no longer a need for OEH to be notified of when works begin as Condition 45(a), Schedule 3, requires the Biodiversity Management Plan to be prepared in consultation with OEH. Therefore, OEH will receive an indirect notification of commencement of activation of the consent. OEH has no further comments on the modification.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Robert Gibson, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Office, on 4927 3154.

Yours sincerely

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