

Mr Charlie Allan
General Manager
Ulan Coal Mines Limited

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Dear Mr Allan

Ulan Continued Operations Project (PA08_0184)
Change to conceptual location of infrastructure in the Durrigere State Conservation Area

I refer to the letter dated 23 November 2020 regarding a proposed change to the conceptual surface infrastructure for the Ulan Continued Operations Project (PA08_0184). It is noted that changes are proposed to dewatering locations an access track that was approved as part of MOD 4.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied the revised design would:

- result in a reduction in the total area of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- not result in a change to approved water, heritage, noise or visual impacts.

It is noted that while impacts to a number of plant community types (PCTs) will decrease, including PCT 479 which will decrease by 0.96ha, impacts to PCT 478 will increase by 0.54ha. PCT 479 and PCT 478 are of the same vegetation class and fall into the same offset trading group. The Department is therefore satisfied that the offset obligation for the already approved activities would adequately offset the proposed changes.

Accordingly, the Department agrees that:

- the proposed revised surface infrastructure is generally in accordance with the *Ulan Coal Operations – Modification 4 Longwall Optimisation Project Environmental Assessment (EA)*;
- the variation affecting land reserved under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* is consistent with the EA; and
- variation of condition 43A, Schedule 3 of PA08_0184 is not required in relation to the retirement of ecosystem credits.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary