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BY EMAIL

Dear Mr O'Donoghue,

RE: TARRAWONGA COAL MINE (11_0047) MOD 8 – TEMPORARY WATER HAULAGE

I refer to your email dated 29 April 2020 providing a response from Tarrawonga Coal Pty Ltd to issues raised by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regarding the proposed modification.

The EPA requested additional information regarding onsite water efficiencies, alternatives considered, prioritisation of available options and onsite water availability/storage capacity. I note water efficiencies have been deployed and have achieved a reduction in water usage. I also note several options have been considered with haulage of water from Vickery groundwater bore being proposed when onsite storages reach approximately 20% capacity, or the equivalent of 3 months water supply.

The EPA believes it appropriate that records are maintained by Tarrawonga Coal demonstrating onsite water efficiencies are deployed and documenting water capacity is at 20% capacity before water haulage commences, if the proposed modification is approved.

The EPA acknowledges the issue of groundwater availability and access is regulated by the Natural Resources Access Regulator and defers to their advice regarding availability and access.

Please contact myself or Simon Lund on (02) 6773 7000 or by email to armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Scrivener'.

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