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Dear Philip

Project: Tarrawonga Coal Mine – Modification 8
Stage: Advice on Modification Report
Development Application: MP11_0047-Mod-8

I refer to your correspondence dated 21 February 2020 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience to provide comments on the Tarrawonga Coal Mine – Modification 8 (the Project) submitted by Tarrawonga Coal Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Whitehaven Coal Limited (the Proponent).

In view of the constraints outlined in the Proponent's Modification Report and based on the information currently available, the Division considers the Project satisfies section 3A objects of the *Mining Act 1992* and the requirements of clause 15 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007. The Project allows for the continued efficient development and utilisation of mineral resources which will continue to foster significant social and economic benefits through ensuring security of mine water supply.

The Division has determined that should the project be approved, efficient and optimised resource outcomes can be achieved, and any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

The Division requests to review the draft conditions of approval before finalisation and any granting of development consent.

For further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit – Resource Assessments on 02 4063 6534 or assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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