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Attention: Jack Turner
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy St
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Dear Jack,

SUBJECT: ULAN COAL MINE EXPANSION MODIFICATION 6 – UNDERGROUND MINING EXTENSION (MP08 0184-MOD-6)

Thank you for providing Mid-Western Regional Council (Council) with the opportunity to provide comment on the Modification Report for the Ulan Coal Mine Expansion (MP08\_0184-Mod-6). Council has reviewed the documents and provides the below comments.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Can Council please be informed of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy outcome and the manner in which offset will be achieved. If stewardship sites are being considered, Council would be supportive of UCMPL sourcing local stewardship sites within the LGA.

Rehabilitation of cleared areas required for infrastructure and the access track should be implemented with alternative local species if local endemic species cannot be sourced, rather than non-local providence stock/seed. Council can assist with providing species palates from local native plant nurseries which will provide suitable alternative species if preferred species cannot be sourced due to seasonal conditions.

Council also requests the future plans for long term subsidence monitoring/mitigation within the direct impact area particularly along cliff edges and caves include long term microbat population studies/trends as has been conducted in the past within the larger UCMPL site.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Council on (02) 6378 2850.

Yours sincerely,

BRAD CAM GENERAL MANAGER