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Dear Ms Golberg

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Modification applications for the three sites (Dendrobium Mine, Appin Mine, and Russell Vale Colliery).

Council notes that the proposal would allow transport of Russell Vale Colliery raw coal to the Dendrobium Coal Processing Plant (DCPP) via private roads in the Port Kembla Coal Terminal, and transport of coal wash to the West Cliff Coal Wash Emplacement Area (CWEA). If approved, Wollongong Resources will be able to improve their product quality without the need to construct a new coal washing facility, and IMC can wash Russell Vale Colliery ROM coal within the approved capacity of the DCPP and CWEA.

No objection is generally raised to the proposed modifications given that the proposals represent no material change to already approved mining operations, surface activities, transport routes and volumes, or capacity limits at the DCPP or CWEA. However, the Russell Vale Colliery Underground Expansion Project consent approves the extraction of approximately 3.7 Million tonnes of ROM coal over 5 years at a production rate that does not exceed 1 Million tonnes of product coal per year, rather than a production rate of 1.2 Million tonnes per annum referred to in the documents. Therefore, Council requests that the production rate remain at 1 Million tonnes for the Russell Vale Colliery and that the modified consent reflects this requirement.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

This letter is authorised by

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