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Dear Mr Ellwood

**Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project (SSD-10269)  
Revised Environmental Assessment Requirements**

I refer to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued on 28 May 2019 for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project (SSI 9837).

Since issuing these SEARs, the Mining Petroleum Gateway Panel granted a conditional gateway certificate for the project and a delegate of the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy determined that the project is a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* - (EPBC 2019/8427).

I can advise that the project will be assessed by the NSW Government under a process accredited by the Commonwealth Government.

Accordingly, the Commonwealth Government has provided its assessment requirements for the Matters of National Environmental Significance relevant to the project (ie Listed threatened species & Communities - under sections 18 and 18A, and a water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development - under sections 24D and 24E).

I am providing you with modified SEARs to ensure that Commonwealth matters, and recommendations of the Gateway Panel are appropriately addressed in your EIS.

For completeness, the Department has re-enclosed agencies' comments in **Attachment 2**, the Commonwealth requirements in **Attachment 3** and copies of the Mining & Petroleum Gateway Panel's Conditional Gateway Certificate and recommendations in **Attachment 4**.

The panel's report documenting the reasons for its recommendation is available at: <http://www.mpgp.nsw.gov.au/>

The Department has also taken the opportunity to include minor updates to the SEARs in order to align with the Department's current drafting standards.

If you have any questions, please contact Philip Nevill on (02) 8275 1036.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SOD', written in a cursive style.

Stephen O'Donoghue  
Director  
Resource Assessments  
**as delegate for the Secretary**