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Dear Mr Armit

**State Significant Development
Chain Valley Colliery Consolidation Project (SSD-17017460)
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements**

Please find attached the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Chain Valley Colliery Consolidation Project (the Project). These SEARs have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities based on the information you have provided to date. NSW Government agency comments are provided at **Attachment 2**. You must have regard to these comments in the preparation of the EIS.

Note that the Planning Secretary may modify the SEARs at any time. If you do not submit a Development Application (DA) within two years, you must consult further with the Planning Secretary in relation to the preparation of the EIS.

Prior to exhibiting the EIS, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) will review the document in consultation with relevant authorities to determine if it addresses all of the requirements in Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. You may be required to submit an amended EIS if it does not adequately address the requirements.

The Department wishes to emphasise the importance of effective and genuine community consultation. A comprehensive open and transparent community consultation engagement process must be undertaken during the preparation of the EIS. This process must ensure that the community is provided with a good understanding of what is proposed, a description of any potential impacts, and an opportunity to actively engage in issues of concern to them.

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit your DA and EIS. This will enable the Department to provide lodgement instructions, confirm the applicable fee (see Division 1AA, Part 15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*), determine the required number of copies of the EIS and discuss potential exhibition periods.

Any development likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance will require approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval is in addition to approvals required under NSW legislation.

It is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to determine if you need approval under the EPBC Act (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any enquiries about these requirements, please contact Melissa Anderson on the details above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Sprott', with a stylized, cursive script.

Matthew Sprott
Director
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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

Enclosed: Attachment 2