



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Jessie

DPI response to request for comment on proposed Modification to Mandalong Coal Mine (SSD 5144 MOD1)

I refer to your email dated 26 April 2016 to the Department of Primary Industries in respect to the above matter. DPI has reviewed the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for the proposed modification to the Mandalong Coal Mine and provides the following recommendations:

- Removal of 8.5ha of vegetation to allow for power line access tracks and power line construction and management within an extent of bushland will increase the likelihood of weed and feral animal incursions in the locality. Management of weed and feral animal incursions, post construction, should be assessed prior to determination.
- A licence under Part 5 of the *Water Act 1912* may be required if any excavations for towers intercept groundwater, depending on the volume of water extracted. If construction works likely to intercept groundwater, the proponent should contact DPI Water to confirm any potential licensing requirements.

Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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