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Dear Ms Evans

**Mandalong Coal Mine – Section 96(2) (SSD 5144)  
Statement of Environmental Effects.**

I refer to your email of 23 August 2016 regarding an application by Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited to modify the development consent for the Mandalong Coal Mine.

The NSW Department of Industry, Division of Resources & Energy (the Division) has reviewed the proposal to modify the extension of first workings associated with Longwall Panels 22 and 23, dated August 2016.

The Division notes the following specific to the proposal:

- the Division has determined the sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project, and
- conditions relating to the implementation of the Rehabilitation Management Plan will ensure restoration is undertaken in a progressive manner and appropriately monitored throughout life of mine.

The Division provides the following guidance:

- the Division does not recommend any modification to the current suite of development conditions as rehabilitation objectives adequately encompass key determining criteria for rehabilitation success.

It is noted that the Proponent has requested a modification to the consent conditions for the Project (SSD-5144) as follows:

- 1) references to development to be undertaken "*in accordance with*" the Development Layout be changed to "*generally in accordance with*", and

2) references to the "*Approved Mine Plan*" throughout the consent be replaced with "*Conceptual Mine Plan*".

The proposed changes to the conditions as described above, or to similar effect, would be beneficial in terms of allowing necessary flexibility to the mining operation to adaptively manage risk and which has historically required numerous small changes to its mine plan to deal with factors such as adverse geology and safety issues.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer on (02) 9842 8573.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zane West', written in a cursive style.

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As Delegate for the  
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