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Dear Ms Seed

**Mandalong Mine (SSD 5144 MOD 4)
Comment on the Response to Submissions Report (RTS)**

I refer to your email of 23 February 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

DPI has reviewed the RTS and provides the following comments and recommendations:

- DPI Water is currently reviewing the updated Water Management Plan (WMP) provided by the proponent and will provide a separate response to the proponent on that document. Should the modification be approved, an updated WMP should be referred to DPI Water (water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au) for further consultation and assessment against the updated project approval conditions.
- Make good provisions for impacted landholders currently appear to only be triggered if groundwater levels do not recover after 6 months. The proponent should consult with DPI Water in order to improve these provisions, particularly to ensure that adequate provisions are in place for the shorter as well as longer term.
- It is noted that the proponent states on page 10 of the RTS that 'if private bores are in a suitable location' an attempt to gain approval and access for monitoring will be made. It is recommended that the proponent allow private landholders to volunteer to be a part of a private bore monitoring program. This could be raised at the Community Consultative Committee (CCC).
- The Extraction Plan, Biodiversity Management Plan and Land Management Plan for LW22-23 should be developed in consultation with DPI Water.

Yours sincerely

Mitchell Isaacs
Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice
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<https://goo.gl/o8TXWz>