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Minister for Planning
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Dept of Planning & Environment
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Attention: Melanie Hollis

RE: Submission – Bengalla Continuation Project Mod 3 [SSD-5170]

MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd completed the acquisition of Mount Pleasant from Rio Tinto on 04 August 2016. Located adjacent to the Bengalla Mine, MACH Energy wishes to confirm that it has no objection to the Bengalla Mine Company's Development Consent Modification 3, which is being sought under Section 96(2) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

MACH Energy trusts that the Department will condition any approval of Bengalla Mine Company's Development Consent Modification 3 application so that any proposed positioning of the explosives facility and reload facility; alignment of the Hunter River Pipeline and topsoil stockpiles would not restrict MACH Energy's ability to develop any component of the Mount Pleasant Operation. An example is the approved rail and conveyor transport options and their associated supporting infrastructure. However, the restriction should equally apply to the entirety of the Mount Pleasant Operations particularly those activities permitted to occur at the southern boundary of ML1645 or any other shared boundary with the Bengalla Mine.

Yours sincerely



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