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Dear Mr White

Bengalla Continuation Project (MP 5170 MOD 4)

The public exhibition of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for Modification 4 concluded on Friday 2 February 2018. The Department did not receive any submissions from the community. Comments on the SEE have been received from several agencies, however at this stage the Department has not received comments from OEH.

The Secretary requests that you prepare and submit a report detailing your responses to the issues raised in submissions (Response to Submissions, RTS) at your earliest convenience. The Department requests that the RTS pays particular attention to the matters raised in **Attachment A**.

Once the Department receives OEH's submission this will be provided for consideration in the RTS.

The submissions can be viewed on the Department's website www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Melanie Hollis on 8217 2043.

Yours sincerely,



Howard Reed
Director
Resource Assessments

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Attachment A

Water Resources

1. Council raised concerns over the proposed clay liner. Provide additional information to demonstrate that the clay liner is adequate to prevent seepage to the alluvium.
2. Please address Crown Lands and Water's comments that, after Year 15, clean water dams would exceed the site's harvestable rights.
3. In comments on Mount Pleasant Mod 3, the EPA raised concerns that water could discharge from Mount Pleasant to the Bengalla Coal Mine. Please advise what measures are in place to prevent discharges from Mount Pleasant impacting the Bengalla Coal Mine Water Management System.

Rehabilitation and Mine Closure

1. Please confirm whether the proposed Dry Creek East Dam is to be retained post-mining and clarify its post-closure function.
2. Please clarify how the proposed changes impact on the current rehabilitation schedule and objectives.