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Dear Mr ^{Craig}White

**Bengalla Continuation Project (SSD 5170 MOD 4)
Request for additional air quality information**

I am writing to inform you that the Department has recently completed its assessment of the proposed Modification 3 to the Mount Pleasant coal mine (DA 92/97 MOD 3) and referred this proposal to the Independent Planning Commission for determination.

The Mount Pleasant modification was assessed against contemporary air quality assessment standards and identified new receivers to the east of the Mount Pleasant mine that would exceed the cumulative annual average PM₁₀ air quality standard of 25 µg/m³, with resultant changes to the landowner acquisitions list.

As you are aware, the Department is currently awaiting further information from Bengalla Mining Company to complete its assessment of the proposed Bengalla Water Storage and Site Layout Modification (SSD 5170 MOD 4) and is also currently awaiting a response to submissions for the Mount Pleasant Rail Modification (DA 92/97 MOD 4). The Department considers this to be an appropriate opportunity to review the proportionate and cumulative impacts of these operations on sensitive receivers in the Muswellbrook area.

Consequently, the Department requests that Bengalla Mining Company works with MACH Energy to undertake a coordinated assessment of the proportionate air quality impacts of the two mining operations on surrounding and nearby receiver locations. This assessment should include focused consideration of key sensitive receivers and be completed in line with the contemporary air quality standards identified in the EPA's *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales (2016)*. If the proportionality of impacts varies over the anticipated life of the two mines, this should also be identified.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Matthew Sprott on 8217 2054.

Yours sincerely,

Howard Reed 19.6.18
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cc: MACH Energy