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Dear Mr McWha

**Chain Valley Extension (SSD-5465)  
Alternative Coal Transport Options 2020**

Reference is made to your request (SSD-5465-PA-37) submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) on 27 November 2020, seeking Planning Secretary's agreement, that the Alternative Coal Transport Options Assessment (ACTOA) for Chain Valley Colliery, as required by Schedule 3, Condition 6 of SSD-5465 as modified (the consent) be considered as not applicable to Chain Valley Colliery until such time as coal haulage via public roads is proposed.

The Department has carefully reviewed the request and notes the following:

- all coal produced by Chain Valley Colliery is transported via underground conveyor to Mannering Colliery for processing, and from there by overland conveyor to Vales Point Power Station;
- the only coal transported via public roads from 1 January 2018 to 22 November 2020 was 7885 tonnes of coal removed from site as part of the rehabilitation of the former Chain Valley Colliery stockpile area in 2020.

Accordingly, I as nominee of the Planning Secretary approve the request to cease ACTOA reporting requirements under Schedule 3, Condition 6 of the consent, until such time as transport of coal via public roads resumes at Chain Valley Colliery (with the ACTOA due by 31 December of the year of recommencement), or as otherwise directed by the Planning Secretary.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joel Curran, Senior Compliance Officer on (02) 4904 2702 or [compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H Watters'.

Heidi Watters  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary