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NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Attention: Stephen O'Donoghue
Director – Resource Assessments

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr O'Donoghue

RE: VICKERY EXTENSION PROJECT (SSD 7480) – EXISTING GROUNDWATER BORE

As you would be aware, a water supply groundwater bore, pipeline and associated infrastructure and works were established under the former Vickery Coal Mine Development Consent (granted October 1986).

The existing, approved groundwater bore (Works Approval 90CA807002) and associated infrastructure are located on Whitehaven-owned land and within the road reserves associated with Blue Vale Road and Braymont Road to the south of the proposed Vickery Extension Project (SSD 7480), and are within the associated Development Application area. Whitehaven entities hold Water Access Licenses 12651 and 12653 associated with the existing groundwater bore under the *Water Sharing Plan for the Upper and Lower Namoi Groundwater Sources 2019*.

The existence of this bore is referenced in the Vickery Coal Project Environmental Impact Statement (Whitehaven, 2013):

This existing infrastructure area is accessed off Braymont Road and is serviced by an existing ETL and groundwater supply bore.

The groundwater bore and associated infrastructure are not explicitly described in the Project Description for the Vickery Extension Project. However, on the basis of the bore and associated infrastructure being existing and approved, located within the Development Application area and licensed under the relevant Water Sharing Plan, the purpose of this letter is to clarify that they may be used for the Vickery Extension Project if required as a contingency source of water.

Should the Department require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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