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Hi Phil,

Please find below a response to the additional advice received from the Department's independent economic peer reviewer (Marsden Jacob). We note that the IPC had a similar comment, the response to which is provided on pages 176 and 177 of the *Vickery Extension Project Submissions Report*.

In their additional advice, Marsden Jacob stated (emphasis added):

*The Panel Review considered the mine extension in relation to the gross total production allowable across the extension and the two nearby mines. The net effect is that if the **extension** were to go ahead **the output of the nearby mines would need to decrease** to remain within the transport limit cap.*

This statement is fundamentally incorrect. The "extension" (i.e. the Project) would remove the existing/approved limit along the Approved Road Transport Route once coal from Vickery and Tarrawonga is transported from Vickery via the Project rail spur.

Note that coal production from the Tarrawonga and Rocglen Coal Mines was not included in the Project Economic Assessment (i.e. the Project did not claim benefits from these approved operations). Also, since lodgement of the Project EIS, coal production at the Rocglen Coal Mine has ceased and therefore potential reduction in ROM coal production for Rocglen is no longer a relevant consideration.

On the basis of the above and the responses in the Submissions Report, we do not consider any further clarification is required in response to Marsden Jacob's additional advice.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries or require additional information.

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Hi Brian,

As discussed, please find attached advice from the Department's economics expert for your final comments, noting the IPC's comments provided in its Issues Report.

Kind regards,

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