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Dear Melanie,

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Submission in support of Cullen Valley Modification 5 - Extension of Life (DA200-5-2003-Mod-5)

EnergyAustralia supports the Cullen Valley Modification 5 - Extension of Life (DA200-5-2003-Mod-5) and is pleased to provide comment.

EnergyAustralia is one of Australia's largest energy companies, providing gas and electricity to 2.5 million household and business customer accounts in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory. EnergyAustralia owns and operates a portfolio of energy generation across Australia, including coal, gas and wind assets with control of over 4,500MW of generation in the National Electricity Market (NEM). We serve approximately 1.2 million retail customer accounts in NSW and operate the coal fired Mt Piper Power Station near Lithgow and the Tallawarra gas fired power station near Wollongong.

Mt Piper is the newest, most efficient and most flexible coal fired power station in NSW. Mt Piper is amongst the best performing power plants in Australia, conserving finite resources and with some of the lowest emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases capable of reliably generating when its needed most.

Mt Piper Power Station has limited access to approved coal reserves in the western coal fields. In recent years the Mt Piper Power Station has had to reduce its generation for the purpose of conserving coal to guarantee availability over the peak demand periods (Summer and Winter). This has had the adverse effect of putting at risk Mt Piper Power Stations' ability to provide reliable generation to the National Energy Market when it is required. With existing mines approaching end of life, new secure local sources of coal are required for Mt Piper and the security of the NSW energy system.

Cullen Valley is expected to contribute to the coal supply diversity needed to safeguard Mt Piper's contribution to NSW energy security through the transition to renewables and other lower carbon energy sources targeted for the NEM over coming years.

EnergyAustralia supports the Cullen Valley Modification 5 - Extension of Life (DA200-5-2003-Mod-5) as proposed. Please contact me if you have any questions relating to the above.

Yours sincerely,

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