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Dear Mr Nevill

**LIDDELL COAL MINE - (DA 305-11-01) MODIFICATION 7
RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 9 November 2018 inviting comment on the report titled "*Liddell Coal Operations – Modification 7 – Response to Submissions*". I also refer to the EPA's previous letter dated 11 September 2018 (DOC18/615865-03) advising that the EPA would require an updated acoustic report that adequately assesses likely noise impacts on residential receivers.

The information provided confirms that there are unlikely to be adverse noise impacts from the proposed modification.

Please note however that, as advised on 11 September 2018, the EPA's submission to the then Department of Planning and Infrastructure on Modification 5 for DA 305-11-01 advised that the noise assessment for that modification predicted exceedances of the Project Specific Noise Levels. The EPA recommended that these be addressed by the proponent in accordance with Chapters 8 and 9 of the Industrial Noise Policy and consequently the EPA did not recommend noise limits.

The assessment of Modification 7 uses modelling from the 2013 assessment, so the EPA still cannot provide noise limits.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Claire McGarity on 4908 6870 or by email to hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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