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Attention: Stephen O'Donoghue

Dear Mr Reed

**Boggabri Coal Mine
S75W Modification
DA 36/1988 Mod 2**

I refer to your letter of the 9 September 2011 regarding the Boggabri Coal Pty Limited modification application for the Boggabri Open Cut Mine to continue mining within the current mine footprint for a further 2 year period.

The Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) of the Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services (DTIRIS) has reviewed the *Environmental Assessment Modification to Development Consent for the Boggabri Mine* dated August 2011. DRE has no objections to the proposed modification and recommends approval with the inclusion of the conditional requirements for a Mining Operations Plan and an Annual Environmental Management Report to the satisfaction of the Deputy Director General of the DRE.

The proponent should commence early discussions with DRE on the requirements for the preparation and submission of a Mining Operations Plan.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Julie Moloney, Principal Adviser, Industry Coordination on (02) 4931 6549.

Yours sincerely



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