



6 September 2019

Mr Andrew Rode
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Dear Mr Rode

Re: Clarence Colliery MOD 5 – Response to EPA Submission

Please find below a response to the recommended conditions of consent contained in correspondence from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 6 September 2019 in relation to the Clarence Colliery MOD 5 application.

Recommendation 1 - Effluent must be conducted in accordance with the Environmental Guideline *Use of effluent by irrigation* (DECC2004).

Response - Centennial Coal will manage effluent at the Clarence Colliery in accordance with the Environmental Guideline *Use of effluent by irrigation* (DECC2004). The existing Effluent Reuse, Operational Environmental Management Plan will be updated, should the project be approved, to reference this guideline and demonstrate compliance with it.

Recommendation 2 - Effluent must only be applied to Rejects Emplacement Area I (REA1) and Rejects Emplacement Area II (REA 2).

Response - Centennial Coal accepts there is to be no effluent applied to REA III (REA 3). Sufficient irrigation area exists on REA I (REA 1) and REA II (REA 2), to manage the identified irrigation volumes required to support the proposed modification.

Recommendation 3 - The proponent must update the management plan to confirm the location, application rates and irrigation technology to be utilised.

Response - The existing Effluent Reuse, Operational Environmental Management Plan will be updated should the project be approved to detail the location for effluent application, application rates and irrigation technology to be utilised. Centennial Coal will update the Effluent Reuse, Operational Environmental Management in consultation with the EPA.

If you have any questions or require any further information in regards to this matter, please contact me on my mobile 0407 207 530 or email james.wearne@centennialcoal.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Wearne', is positioned above the printed name.

James Wearne

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