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Dear Melissa

Re: Newstan Colliery – Modification 8 – Review of Environmental Assessment
Dev Ref: DA 73-11-98

I refer to your email dated 2 October 2018 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comment on the Newstan Colliery Modification 8 (the Project or Proposal) Environmental Assessment (EA) submitted by Centennial Newstan Pty Limited (Centennial) (the Proponent).

The relevant units internal to the Division have been consulted where required in generating this advice. Further, the Department of Planning and Environment - Planning Services Division and the Proponent should be aware that matters pertaining to rehabilitation, final landform, environmental impacts of subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator and safety are assumed and assessed by the Resources Regulator. I understand that you have sought a separate response from the Resources Regulator.

The Project has been designed to integrate into the southwest resource area of the larger Newstan Extension Project while seeking approval to undertake investigations for the recommencement of mining in the southern portion of the Newstan Colliery holdings. As part of these investigations, the Proponent proposes to undertake first workings to determine the presence, throw and strike of a series of faults projected from the adjacent historic Newstan Colliery workings. This fault system adversely affected operations and resource recovery at Newstan Colliery. An improved understanding of this fault system will facilitate improved assessment of mine design, extraction methods and infrastructure requirements for the Newstan Extension Project.

Following a review of the proponent's EA, the Division considers the Project mine plan to adequately recover coal resources and provide an appropriate return to the State within the mine footprint, giving due consideration to the constraints of the location.

A Resource & Economic Assessment undertaken by the Division detailing the resource utilisation and economic benefits is appended as Attachment A.

The Division has determined that identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Humphris', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attachment A – Resource and Economic Assessment – Newstan Colliery – Modification 8 (DOC18/741678)