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Dear Ms Anderson

**Newstan Colliery (DA 73-11-98) - Modification 8 – Response to Submissions
Comments from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA)**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received 20 November 2018, requesting comments in relation to a Response to Submissions (RtS) for the Centennial Newstan Colliery Project modification application (the proposal). The proposal is to modify the Development Consent for the project by extending the approval life of DA 73-11-98 for a further 12 months until 6 July 2021, and extracting up to 2 million run-of-mine coal using first workings methods in the West Borehole Seam.

The EPA provided comments on the proposal in its letter dated 22 October 2018 (Doc18/739506-07). The EPA's comments related in particular to groundwater impacts, and the appropriate treatment and management of discharge water quality.

Section 2.1.3 of the RtS states that "the modification will have no impact on the Awaba and Eraring seeps" and that "the operations of the Cooranbong Entry Site and the Hawkmount Quarry will have no impact on water quality discharged through Newstan Colliery's Licenced Discharge Point (LDP) 001 on Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 395."

This section further states that the proposed workings are not predicted to result in any drawdown of alluvial groundwater, and that no impacts on Groundwater Dependant Ecosystems (GDE's) are predicted.

Based on the above, the EPA considers that the comments detailed in the EPA's letter dated 22 October 2018 (Doc18/739506-07) have been satisfactorily addressed.

The EPA has no further comments on the proposal.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Genevieve Lorang on (02) 4908 6869 or via email at hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours Sincerely

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