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Dear Mr Sprott

## Modification Proposal - Mount Pleasant Coal Mine (DA 92/97 MOD 3) Comment on the modification application

I refer to your email of 19 June 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI.

Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

I apologise for this response being delayed. DPI has reviewed the modification application and provides the following recommendations for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

## Recommendations

- The proponent should update the following plans in consultation with DPI Water:
  - o Water Management Plan within 12 months of the modification determination;
  - o Rehabilitation Management Plan; and
  - o Waste Management Plan.
- The proponent should obtain an appropriate groundwater Water Access Licence (WAL) to accommodate for the peak groundwater demand related to the inflow to the Open Cut Pit until 2026.
- If not already covered by a Groundwater Management Plan, the proponent should compose a list of monitoring bores estimated to be impacted by mining operations and how the new monitoring network will be redesigned to monitor impact to groundwater and groundwater receptors to the extended period of mining (2026).

Yours sincerely

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DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here: https://goo.gl/o8TXWz