

## **DIVISION OF RESOURCES & GEOSCIENCE ADVICE RESPONSE**

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Dear Anthony

**Project: Mandalong Southern Extension Project – Modification 8**  
**Stage: Review Statement of Environmental Effects**  
**Development Application: SSD 5144 MOD 8**

I refer to your email dated 30 April 2019 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the *Mandalong Southern Extension Project* (the project or modification) Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) submitted by Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited (Centennial).

The relevant units internal to the Division have been consulted in generating this advice. 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 not assessed by the Division and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

### **Overview of proposed modification**

The Division has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the project and acknowledges that there are no proposed changes to the approved mining areas, ore processing rate, mine life or mining methods as a result of the proposed modification.

### **Proposed extraction in Area 2 and Mandalong Southern Extension area is supported**

Centennial is currently extracting coal from the Mandalong Mine longwall area. Recently, the annual coal production rate from this longwall area has declined due to mining interruptions associated with geological constraints.

Consequently, Centennial is planning to extract coal from Area 2, which has not been undertaken to date. This will be in parallel to extracting coal from the Mandalong Southern Extension longwall area. The additional personnel are required to operate the additional underground mining equipment, concurrently with existing longwall mining activities.

### **Resource sterilisation review subject to further consultation and referral**

Due to the impact on ecological values by the clearing of vegetation, the proponent has proposed biodiversity offsets which will be satisfied in accordance with the NSW Biodiversity Offset Scheme.

No location information for these offsets was included in the SEE. Potential resource impacts from these offsets have not been assessed at this time.

The Geological Survey of NSW - Land Use and Titles Advice team will review the proposed Biodiversity Offset areas to assess any potential for resource sterilisation, following further consultation by the proponent and referral by the Department.

For further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit on 02 4063 6534 or [assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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