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**Centennial Coal – Transfer of Water by Rail Charbon Mine to Airly Mine
Request for Comments on the Modification Applications**

Dear Mr Rode,

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 18 April 2019 regarding the modification applications to SSD 08_0211 Mod 1 (Charbon Coal Mine) and SSD5581 Mod 2 (Airly Coal Mine) to transfer 170 megalitre per year of water via rail from Charbon to Airly mine.

I wish to advise that the EPA has reviewed the application and the Statements of Environmental Effects (SEE's) in support of the two modifications. Having reviewed the applications, I wish to advise that the proposed activity of transporting water by rail from Charbon to Airly is not a scheduled activity in its own right, that would require an environment protection licence (EPL).

Further, having reviewed the SEE's, the EPA agrees with the overall environmental impact assessment findings for the proposed modifications that;

- Noise and air quality impacts associated with utilising the Charbon rail loop to load out water rather than coal can be managed under the existing licensing requirements of Charbon EPL 528,
- Rail noise associated with one daily rail transfer of water by rail from Charbon mine to Airly mine should comply with the rail network noise limits under EPL 13421,
- There are no noise or air quality impacts associated with unloading of water at the Airly rail loop. The water is unloaded into the dam referred to as the rail loading point dam and promptly transfer to other dams and/or tanks for on-site use. Water transferred by rail to Airly can be managed under the existing licence requirements of Airly EPL 12374.

As such, the proposal can be undertaken without the need to vary either the Charbon mine EPL 528, the Airly mine EPL 12374 or the rail network EPL 13421.

Should you have any further enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6333 3802 or emailing central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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