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Dear Mr Wearne

**Airly Mine Extension Project Mod 2 (SSD 5581 Mod 2)
Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the above proposal ended on 14 May 2019. All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/.

The Department is also expecting to receive advice from the Department of Industry – Lands and Water, which will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

The Department requires that you provide a response to the issues raised in submissions. I would appreciate it if you could also address the list of matters set out in **Attachment A**.

If possible, please provide your response by Friday 31 May 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Rode, on 02 8289 6744 or at andrew.rode@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Stephen O'Donoghue
A/Director
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as delegate for the Secretary

Enclosed/Attached: Fact sheet - Biodiversity development assessment report waiver

Attachment A

Water management

- Define 'dry' and 'wet' years, based on historic rainfall records.
- Confirm the trigger point at which Airly Mine would import water from Charbon Colliery. The Modification Report advises that water would be imported from Charbon when water storages are less than 75% full, however during the site visit on Thursday 9 May 2019, the Department was advised that importation would occur when water storages are less than approximately 25% full.
- The Department notes that the existing development consent (condition 14 of Schedule 4) requires Airly Mine to "minimise the use of the supplementary water supply from the production bore". Please clarify whether water from Charbon would be prioritised over water from the production bore. If production bore water is proposed to be prioritised over water from Charbon, Centennial should provide justification for doing so.

Water Quality

- Provide justification for providing and comparing median water quality monitoring results, and not averages and/or maximum values.

Timeframe

- Mining operations and associated impacts at Charbon are permitted until 2025, with rehabilitation activities to proceed after this date until the mine closure criteria are met. Please advise how supplementary water would be provided to Airly after 2025.

Social and economic

- Please provide a high-level assessment of the social and economic consequences of Airly having insufficient process water for its operations.

Biodiversity

- Confirm that a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) is not required by considering the potential impacts of the modification upon biodiversity values using Table 2 of the attached BDAR Waiver fact sheet for reference.