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Dear Mr Nevill,

CLARENCE COLLIERY DA 504-00 – MODIFICATION 4

I am writing in response to your request for comments on the application by Centennial Coal Pty Ltd (the proponent) to modify the existing consent for the Clarence Colliery, located within the Lithgow local government area, which was received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 2 May 2019.

The modification application seeks to increase the maximum quantity of coal permitted to be transported by road to the west, to supply Mount Piper Power Station, from 100,000 to 200,000 tonnes per year until 31 December 2020 by doubling the number of days of truck movements from 125 to 250 days per year. The number of truck movements per day would remain limited to 25 trucks / 50 truck movements per day.

The EPA has reviewed the modification application and does not consider that a variation to the Clarence Colliery environment protection licence (EPL) 726 is required. As such, EPA has no comments regarding the modification application other than to advise that condition O3.3 of EPL 726 requires "trucks transporting coal from the premises be covered immediately after loading to prevent wind blown emissions and spillage. The covering must be maintained until immediately before unloading the trucks".

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Alex McGuirk at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6333 3807 or by emailing central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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