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Attention: Melissa Anderson

EPA Advice on Statement of Environmental Effects Chain Valley Colliery (SSD-5465-Mod-4)

Dear Ms Anderson

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation, requesting the review by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for the proposed modification of the Chain Valley Colliery (Application SSD-5465-Mod-4) at Ruttleys Road, Mannering Park.

The EPA has reviewed the document *Delta Coal, Chain Valley Colliery Modification 4, Statement of Environmental Effects* – Umwelt, Environmental & Social Consultants – November 2020.

The EPA understand the proposal is for:

- An extention of the current Chain Valley Colliery mining operational area boundary to incorporate the Northern Mining Area and permit the transfer of coal mined from the Northern Mining Area to the surface via Chain Valley Bay's operations.
- No other changes are proposed, including no change to the mining method, approved subsidence impacts, production rates or surface facilities.

Based on the information provided, the proposal can be regulated by the EPA under the current conditions of Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 1770, should consent for the proposal be granted. The EPA therefore has no specific comments on this mdifiarion proposal.

The proponent must apply to the EPA to vary the conditions of EPL 1770 to include the additional mining areas as part of the premises description should approval for the proposal be granted.

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Yours sincerely

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