

Department of Primary Industries

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Mr Thomas Watt Planning Officer NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Watt

Thank you for your email of 14 July 2014 concerning the review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Duralie Coal Mine Modification 2 (08\_0203 MOD2).

The Office of Agricultural Sustainability & Food Security has reviewed the EA provided by Duralie Coal Pty Ltd. A summary of comments regarding the EA are included in Attachment 1.

This advice from the Office of Agricultural Sustainability & Food Security is forwarded directly to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure in accordance with agreed arrangements for mining applications that affect agricultural land. It includes comments provided by officers in Agriculture NSW and NSW Trade & Investment. Additional advice from the other divisions within the Department of Primary Industries may be forwarded by separate letter.

If you wish to discuss the issue further please call Rob Williamson on telephone 02 6391 3166 or by email: <u>robert.williamson@dpi.nsw.gov.au</u>

Yours sincerely

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## **ATTACHMENT 1**

## Issues raised by NSW DPI & T&I regarding the Duralie Coal Mine Modification 2 (08\_0203 MOD 2) EA review

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## Issues below are in relation to Land Resources

The Modification results in a 14.3ha loss of potential agricultural land (disturbance area plus biodiversity offset area). This land is/has been used for cattle grazing and will not be available for agriculture post-mining under the rehabilitation plan. No mitigation considerations have been provided.