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Attention: Director - Mining Projects.

Dear Sir / Madam

**DURALIE COAL EXTENSION PROJECT (08-0203)  
DURALIE OPEN PIT MODIFICATION**

I refer to your email of 14 July 2014 and the document titled: *Duralie Coal Mine Modification (08\_0203 MOD 2)* (the modification) prepared by Resource Strategies Pty Ltd and dated July 2014, requesting comments from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regarding the modification.

The EPA understands the modification is being considered under section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to modify the existing development consent. The modification includes:

- Increase in the maximum depth of the Clareval Open Pit.
- A small increase in the extent of surface development of the DCM of approximately 2.5 hectares (ha) resulting from :
  - a reduction in low wall angles of the Clareval Open Pit and the removal of a pillar between the Clareval and Weismantel open pits to improve geotechnical stability;
  - Associated relocation of the up catchment diversion to the west of the Clareval Open Pit.
- Revised mining sequence.
- Increased height of Waste Rock emplacement from 110 m to approximately 135 m AHD.

The EPA has no objection to the project proceeding as described in the EA. The EPA is satisfied that the current conditions on Environment Protection Licence 11701 can accommodate the modification as outlined in the EA.

Please contact Cameron Perry on (02) 4908 6808 if you require any further information regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Jamieson', with the date '1-8-14' written next to it.

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