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NSW Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam

SUBJECT: MOOLARBEN COAL COMPLEX OPEN CUT OPTIMISATION MODIFICATION

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Moolarben Coal Complex Open Cut Optimisation Modification (Project Approval 05_0117 MOD 14 and 08_135 MOD 3).

In summary, Council does not object to the proposed modification. The main issues which Council would like to provide feedback on include: water treatment facilities and pipeline, and management and mitigation measures.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AND PIPELINE

The EIS indicates that a new water treatment facility would be constructed as part of the proposed modification. It also indicates that water would be transferred from this facility to the relocated EPL discharge point via a pipeline.

As the pipeline would run through culverts under Ulan Road, Council would like to be consulted during the design and installation of this pipeline. This will help ensure that Council's assets and infrastructure are adequately protected and maintained.

MANAGEMENT AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The EIS indicates that there are minimal, if any, changes to existing reporting and management practices for a range of environmental impacts including noise and air quality. Council would like to ensure that appropriate monitoring controls remain in place and that management and mitigation measures continue to be incorporated in any project approval.

The EIS does not anticipate any impacts on The Drip which is an item of high importance to local residents and visitors to the Mid-Western Region. As above, Council would like to ensure that appropriate management and mitigation measures remain in place to continue to protect The Drip and maintain this unique natural feature of the local area.

If you wish to discuss this matter in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact Council on 02 6378 2850.

Yours sincerely,

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BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER