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Mr M Riley
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Dear Mr Riley

Thank you for your email of 11 November 2013 concerning the proposed modification to the Boggabri Coal Mine

The Office of Agricultural Sustainability & Food Security (O AS&FS) has reviewed the AIS provided by Hansen and Bailey, Environmental Consultants (October 2013).

No significant issues relating to agricultural land have been identified in the project.

The ongoing interest of the Department relates to rehabilitation of the railway line when decommissioned. It should be reinstated to its Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land quality when operations are complete.

This advice from the Office of Agricultural Sustainability & Food Security is forwarded direct to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure in accordance with agreed arrangements for mining applications that affect agricultural land.

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 robert.williamson@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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