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Dear Mr Reed

**Coalpac Modifications  
Invincible Colliery PA 07\_0127 and Cullen Valley Mine DA 200-5-2003**

I refer to your recent invitation for NSW Trade & Investment – Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) to review and provide comments on the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by the proponent for these Modifications.

DRE is supportive of the Modifications, as a responsible utilisation of the State's strategic coal resources.

The Modifications are considered significant because they will bring economic benefits to the region, which has been facing substantial economic challenges from recent business closures, and are critical for maintaining secure and affordable electricity supplies for NSW.

DRE has reviewed the draft EA and provides the following comments which are directed at specific areas of DRE's responsibility for this proposal:

**Mine Safety**

There are no objections to the mining methods to be re-introduced at the Coalpac sites. The operator has successfully and safely extracted the various coal seams mentioned using both open-cut and high wall technology.

**Environmental**

In regard to mine voids and rehabilitation works, the final land use and landform has been previously addressed in the original approvals and the proposed Modification is in keeping with the spirit of those approvals.

**Subsidence**

As the proposed mining methods at Invincible include high wall mining (technically underground mining) a subsidence management plan will be required if the proposal is given development approval.

DRE supports the proposed Modifications and considers that the EA is adequate for exhibition.

Subject to appropriate environmental approvals, DRE would be supportive of the Coalpac Modifications.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer on (02) 8281 7335.

Yours sincerely



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