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Dear Karen,

Exhibition of Environmental Assessment of the Nundah Bank Third Track Project (MP 10_0094)

Thank you for your email of 4th May 2011 regarding the above matter. The proposal is classified as a Part 3A – Major Project under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS) is one of four principal departments of the NSW Government. DTIRIS is comprised of a number of divisions and authorities of the former NSW Department of Industry and Investment (I&I NSW). This is a co-ordinated response from the Primary Industries, Resources and Energy and Forest NSW divisions of the Department.

I&I NSW provided standard advice in the preparation of the EA with regards to three main issues, Minerals, Agriculture and Fisheries (submitted as attachments). The EA adequately addresses the issues relating to these primary industries. In particular, the potential impacts to coal mining have been assessed, and the EA states that the coal title holders, DTIRIS, and the MSB have been, and will continue to be consulted with. DTIRIS has no objections to the proposal provided this remains the case.

Should you have any queries concerning this advice, please contact Simon Francis, Senior Geoscientist, Land Use Assessment, DTIRIS - Resources and Energy Division on 4931 6707.

Yours sincerely,

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