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**Attention: Anthony Ko** 

Dear Sir,

RE: ULAN COAL MINE (SSD 08\_0184) MODIFICATION 4

Thank you for providing Mid-Western Regional Council (Council) with the opportunity to provide input into the proposed modification to the Ulan Coal Mine (SSD08\_0184).

Council has reviewed the Environmental Assessment for SSD08\_0184 and is generally satisfied that there are no major impacts anticipated as a result of the proposed modification that have not already been identified in the Environmental Assessment and will be addressed through appropriate management plans and practices.

There are two specific points Council wishes to emphasise, as discussed below.

## **Community Consultation**

Council acknowledges the commitment of the proponent to communication with the surrounding community and other stakeholders. Ongoing community consultation, particularly with impacted/adjoining land owners, is a high priority for Council to ensure that the community is well informed throughout the entire project process. This will ensure the community has current and accurate information to provide feedback on the project and any associated issues including visual, noise or social impacts.

## Noise

The noise impact assessment report submitted with the Environmental Assessment notes an expected increase in noise levels, exceeding the approved limits at eleven sensitive receptors during construction. Council acknowledges the noise management commitments in the Environmental Assessment and requests that the proponent works closely with impacted landowners to manage noise impacts and undertakes appropriate measures to manage and mitigate these impacts were possible.

Should you wish to discuss this matter in further detail, please contact Council on (02) 6378 2850.

Yours sincerely,

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