

May 10, 2013

Mining & Industry Projects Department of Planning and Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001 plan\_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au

To whom it may concern,

## RE: Watermark Coal Project Environmental Impact Statement

Cotton Australia endorses the "Independent Review of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Watermark Coal Project" (attached in this email) prepared for Caroona Coal Action Group by Earth Systems consultants. Cotton Australia remains extremely concerned about this proposal and urges the highest level of scientific scrutiny in light of the anticipated impacts on the prime agricultural lands that neighbour the proposed project site.

Please confirm receipt of this submission. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Cotton Australia's Mining and Coal Seam Gas Policy Officer- Mr. Sahil Prasad via email at <u>sahilp@cotton.org.au</u>.

Sincerely,

Adam Kay

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