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Dear Ms Hollis

BENGALLA COAL MINE – MODIFICATION 4 (MP 5170 MOD 4)

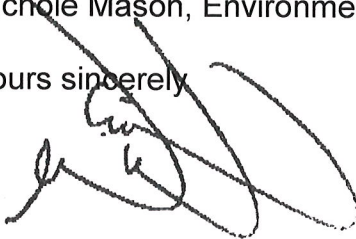
I refer to the Statement of Environment Effects (SEE) exhibited on the NSW Planning & Environment website in relation to the Bengalla Coal Mine Modification 4.

The Bengalla coal mine is located approximately 130 km north-west of Newcastle in the Muswellbrook Local Government Area. The modification seeks to: amend the approved water management system; temporarily store excavated earthen and clay material for future use; increase the capacity and locations of run of mine coal stockpiles and create additional temporary storage locations for coal processing reject material.

The SEE for modification 4 has been reviewed by Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH) with particular attention being paid to the management of air quality, noise, water and other issues that may impact on public health. The SEE indicates that all of the proposed modifications are within the approved project and disturbance boundary and there are no changes to the extent and method of mining. HNEPH considers the modifications would have minimal health impact and we are satisfied with the approval conditions.

Should you require any additional information in relation to the above, please telephone Ms Nichole Mason, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



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