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Dear Ms Seed

**MANDALONG SOUTHERN EXTENSION PROJECT – SSD-5144 MODIFICATION 4  
STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

I refer to the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) exhibited on the NSW Planning & Environment website in relation to the Mandalong Southern Extension Project Modification 4.

The Mandalong underground coal mine is located approximately 35 km south-west of Newcastle in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area. The modification seeks to extend existing longwall panels 22 and 23 within the current development consent boundary. The extension aims to optimise the extraction of the coal resource using existing infrastructure.

The SEE has been reviewed by Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH) with particular attention paid to the management of air quality, noise, water and other issues that may impact on public health. No physical changes to the mine's infrastructure or the surface footprint are proposed and the modification is anticipated to pose minimal environmental and social effects beyond those previously assessed and approved. For this reason HNEPH considers the modification would have minimal health impact.

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

Yours sincerely



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