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Dear Mr Freeman

Western Coal Services Project (SSD 5579) MOD 1

I refer to the Statement of Environmental Effects for the Western Coal Services (SSD 5579) Modification 1.

OEH understands that the proposed modification will not require changes to surface infrastructure at the Western Coal Services site. As such, there will be no additional ground disturbance or clearing of native vegetation.

The proposal will result in some changes to the rehabilitation strategy relating to Domain 2 (Reject Emplacement Area) and Domain 7 (haul roads and overland conveyor system). There will be no changes to the Additional Rehabilitation Initiatives for the Lamberts Gully Creek catchment, which require the establishment and enhancement of locally endemic native vegetation species and improvement of fauna habitat values in the area. The final landform planned for the site is not proposed to change.

Based on the information provided, OEH has no specific comments regarding the proposed modification. If you have any queries, please contact Liz Mazzer, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5325 or email liz.mazzer@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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