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**Vickery Extension Project (SSD 7480): Adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

Dear Rose-Anne,

I refer to the Department of Planning and Environment – Resources Assessments (DPE – Resources & Assessment) email dated 11 September 2018 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide a response to the Vickery Extension Project (SSD 7480).

The Vickery Coal Project is a yet to be constructed, open cut coal mine located in the Gunnedah Coalfield, approximately 25 kilometres north of Gunnedah.

The Vickery Extension Project proposes:

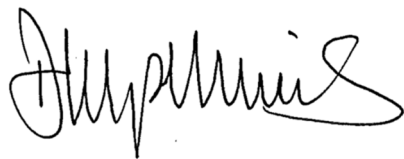
- Open cut mining of the coal reserves associated with the Vickery Coal Project and a physical extension to the footprint to gain access to additional run of mine (ROM) coal.
- An increase in ROM coal mining rate to an average of 7.2 Mtpa over the mine life, with a peak production of approximately 10 Mtpa.
- An increase in the footprint of waste rock emplacement areas.
- Construction and operation of the Project CHPP, train load-out facility and rail spur for the handling, processing and transport of mine coal, as well as coal from other Whitehaven mines.

The Resource Regulator has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of the mining authorities under the *Mining Act 1992*.

The Resources Regulator requests a review of the draft development consent conditions prior to finalisation and any granting of development consent.

For enquiries regarding this matter please contact me on 4063 6444 or  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Newton', with a stylized, cursive script.

On behalf of  
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**Director Compliance Operations**  
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