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Attention: Andrew Rode – Senior Environmental Assessment Officer
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Dear Andrew,

RE: CHARBON COAL MINE MODIFICATION 2 – MP 08_0211-MOD-2

Thank you for providing Mid-Western Regional Council (Council) with the opportunity to provide input into the proposed modification to MP 08_0211 for the Charbon Coal Mine (Mod 2). Council has reviewed the proposed modification to MP 08_0211 and provides the following feedback.

Downstream Water Users

In light of recent drought conditions, Council would like to emphasise that the reduction in volume of water downstream as a result of the continuation of water transfers between Charbon and Airly operations is likely to generate concern in the community. Council acknowledges that the extraction of water is within the allowable limits specified in the proponent's water licenses. However, it is recommended that priority be given to downstream water users during periods of drought. Appropriate mechanisms should also be put in place to monitor and inform downstream water users of planned water transfers.

Course Coal Reject

Council is satisfied that all items of significant concern have been addressed adequately in the modification report and thus Council has no further comments in relation to the transfer of course coal reject.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Council on (02) 6378 2850.

Yours sincerely,

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BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER