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Attention: Naomi Nelson

Dear Mr Reed

**Drayton Coal Mine  
Section 75W Modification  
MP 06\_0202 Mod 2**

I refer to your letter of the 16 August 2011 regarding Anglo Coal (Drayton Management) Pty Limited modification application for the Drayton Coal Mine with respect to the installation for the emplacement of raw tailings within the east pit void and for the construction and operation of an explosives storage facility on site.

The Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) of the Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services (DTIRIS) has reviewed the *East Pit Tailings Emplacement & Explosive Storage Facility Environmental Assessment* dated July 2011. DRE has no objections to the proposed modification and recommends approval with the inclusion of the conditional requirements for a Mining Operations Plan and an Annual Environmental Management Report to the satisfaction of the Deputy Director General of the DRE. The granting of any development consent modification should be subject to the following provisions:


- The proponent should develop an effective dewatering strategy for the tailings disposal within the East Pit to the satisfaction of the DRE.
- The proponent should amend the Mining Operation Plan, to include the proposed modification, to the satisfaction of the DRE.
- The proponent should review the proposed modification activities in the Annual Environmental Management Report to the satisfaction of the DRE.
- Integrated rehabilitation and environmental management reporting is to be captured in the existing Mining Operation Plan and Annual

Environmental Management Report to the satisfaction of the Division of Resources and Energy's Director Environmental Sustainability.

- The proponent should commence discussions with DRE on the requirements for the preparation and submission of a Mining Operations Plan and the Annual Environmental Management Report.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Julie Moloney, Principal Adviser, Industry Coordination on (02) 4931 6549.

Yours sincerely

  
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