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Attention: Ms Alice Smith

19 March 2013

Dear Mr Reed

**MODIFICATION TO THE CADIA EAST PROJECT (PA 06_0295)
EPA COMMENT – SURFACE PRECONDITIONING PROGRAM**

I refer to an email from Ms Alice Smith of the Department of Planning & Infrastructure (DP&I) to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 12 March 2014 seeking comment on any significant issues or otherwise in regards to the proposed modification.

The EPA has reviewed the "Cadia East Surface Preconditioning Program, Environmental Assessment" (February 2014) and has not identified any significant issues relevant to the EPA's area of statutory responsibility or interest given that the preconditioning program of the overlying host rock by hydraulic fracturing will involve the use of water only, with no chemical or other additives. Noise, air and other impacts should be minimal or non-existent.

Any non-pollution related impacts to water regimes is the Office of Water's area of statutory responsibility and interest and therefore the EPA recommends that DP&I, if not already done so, refers the matter to the Office of Water for their assessment and comment.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter please contact Mr Matthew Corradin at the EPA's Central West Office (Bathurst) by telephoning (02) 6332 7603.

Yours sincerely

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SHERIDAN LEDGER
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