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Mr Colin Phillips  
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Attention: Daniel Howard

Dear Mr Phillips

**Bloomfield Colliery Project (07\_0087)  
Section 75W Modification**

I refer to your letter dated 22 September 2010 regarding Bloomfield Collieries Pty Ltd application to modify the project approval under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for the above project.

Industry & Investment's (I&I NSW) technical officers have reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project and have the following comments.

**MINING TITLE**

The proposed modification is wholly within Consolidated Coal Lease 761 (CCL761), held by the proponent. The majority of CCL761 comprises the mines, veins and seams of coal only. I&I NSW requires that a Mining Lease Application (MLA) which includes the surface, be prepared and presented as stated in Section 4.3 of the EA. The proponent should be aware that Minister's consent to apply for an MLA is required before a mining lease application can be submitted.

**REHABILITATION PLAN**

I&I NSW require the following issues to be addressed by the Proponent in presenting a Rehabilitation Plan to the satisfaction of the Director General I&I NSW.

- a) **Domain Specific Objectives:** Identify the functional domains of the project and describe the rehabilitation objectives for each domain.
- b) **Completion Criteria:** Propose strategic completion criteria for each domain having regard to the various phases of rehabilitation (ie. Decommissioning, Landform Establishment, Growth Medium

Development, Ecosystem Establishment, Ecosystem Development)  
and outline the proponent's commitment to progressive rehabilitation.

I&I NSW recommend that the following conditions be incorporated into the planning approval, if granted:

The Proponent must prepare and implement a Rehabilitation Plan to the satisfaction of the Director General I&I NSW. The Plan must:

- a. be prepared in accordance with I&I NSW guidelines and in consultation with relevant agencies and stakeholders;
- b. be submitted and approved by the Director General I&I NSW prior to the commencement of construction;
- c. address all aspects of rehabilitation and mine closure, including final landuse assessment, rehabilitation objectives, domain objectives, completion criteria and rehabilitation monitoring.

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

Yours sincerely

For   
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