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Dear Ms Kirton

BLOOMFIELD COLLIERY - 75W MODIFICATION – (PA 07 - 0087)

I refer to your email dated 15 January 2013 received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) seeking comments and any recommended conditions of approval for the Bloomfield Coal Project Modification.

The EPA understands the modification application is pursuant to Section 75W of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* and seeks approval for the clearing of a 1.6ha strip of vegetation for operational purposes.

The EPA notes that the assessment only relates to Biodiversity and Aboriginal Heritage and does not assess potential impacts on air quality from exposed soils and the pollution of surface water.

As the scale of the proposed clearing area is in the order of 1.6ha, the EPA believes that potential impacts on surface water and dust can be regulated under the proponent's existing Environment Protection Licence, therefore no recommended conditions of approval will be provided.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is encouraged to remind the proponent of their obligations in regards to assessing all potential environmental impacts when seeking consent modifications.

Please note that this response does not cover biodiversity or Aboriginal cultural heritage issues, which are the responsibility of the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Please contact me on 49 086821 if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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