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Attention: Mr Alexander Grierson

Dear Mr Grierson

**MODIFICATION TO INTEGRA UNDERGROUND MINE PA 08\_0101  
& MOUNT OWEN COMPLEX SSD 5850  
MINE WATER PIPELINE**

I refer to your email dated 6 June 2017 regarding modification to Integra Underground Mine PA 08-0101 and Mount Owen Complex SSD 5850 regarding construction of a mine water pipeline from Integra Underground mine to Mount Owen Mine and the document titled "*Integra to Mount Owen Complex Water Pipeline Modification Environmental Assessment for Glencore Coal Pty Ltd*" dated June 2017 prepared by Hansen Bailey ("EA").

I have reviewed the EA and advise Department of Planning and Environment ("DPE") that the EPA can regulate the activity through the current Environment Protection Licences 4460 for Mt Owen Pty Limited and 3390 HV Coking Coal Pty Limited. I provide the EPA's comments as Attachment 1, for consideration by DPE in the assessment of the project.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Natasha Ryan on (02) 4908 6833.

Yours sincerely

*natasha* 15 June 2017

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY  
REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
INTEGRA UNDERGROUND AND MOUNT OWEN MODIFICATIONS – MINE WATER PIPELINE**

The Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") has reviewed the document titled "*Integra to Mount Owen Complex Water Pipeline Modification Environmental Assessment for Glencore Coal Pty Ltd*" dated June 2017 prepared by Hansen Bailey ("EA").

The following comments are provided to Department of Planning and Environment ("DPE") in determination of the project proposal.

**Environment Protection Licence will need variation**

Section 5.3.6 of the EA states that licence variation will not be required if the project is approved.

I advise DPE that if the project is approved Glencore must apply for a variation to both or either one of the environment protection licences in order to formalise management and control of the pipeline on one of the premises. The EPA request that the proponent provide advice regarding which environment protection licence would have management control over the pipeline between Integra Underground Operations and Mount Owen Mine.

**Pipeline Break Contingencies**

There was no information regarding the contingencies in place to mitigate potential breaks in the pipeline. Secondary break control is important to prevent environmental impacts, particularly where the pipeline traverses waterways and sensitive environments.

EPA advise DPE that any breaks releasing mine water are likely to contravene section 120 and section 142A of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* ("POEO Act") (water and land pollution). As such the EPA requests that the proponent provide details of how potential pipe breaks will be mitigated and or managed to prevent contravention of the POEO Act.

**Environment Protection Authority 15 June 2017**