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Mr Paul Freeman Senior Planner Department of Planning and Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Freeman

Thank you for your letter of 17 October 2013 concerning the modification application and review of the Environmental Assessment for the Austar Coal Project MOD 3 (08-0111 MOD 3).

The Office of Agricultural Sustainability & Food Security (OAS&FS) has reviewed the EA provided by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd in October 2013.

The Department of Primary Industries (Agriculture NSW) is satisfied with the information and commitments presented in the documentation provided by the proponents.

If you wish to discuss the issue further please call Rob Williamson on telephone 02 6391 3166 or by email robert.williamson@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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