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Dear Mr Wearne

Lidsdale Coal Loader Modification 1 (08_0223 MOD 1)

I refer to your letter, dated 31 May 2019, regarding a proposed modification to the Lidsdale Coal Loader Project.

The Department has reviewed the information provided, and I can confirm that the appropriate approval pathway for the modification application would be section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Department considers that in addition to the issues identified in your letter to be assessed in the Modification Report, the following matters should also be included:

- **Biodiversity impacts** - evidence that there would not be any increase in impacts to biodiversity values using Table 2 of the attached BDAR Waiver Fact Sheet for reference;
- **Social and economic impacts** – describe any social and economic consequences (and environmental impacts, if applicable) of the proposal not going ahead, including any power generation related impacts;
- **Alternatives** – advise what alternatives have been considered for providing coal to Mount Piper Power Station during ‘emergency coal supply’ situations and why the proposed modification is the preferred option;
- **Traffic and transport impacts** – describe the traffic and transport impacts associated with the proposed rail operation, in comparison to the existing (approved) train loading operations; and
- **Consultation outcomes** – outline how the outcomes of proposed stakeholder consultation have been incorporated into the proposed modification.

If your proposal is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval would be in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation and it is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of the Environment to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Rode, who can be contacted on 02 8289 6744 or at andrew.rode@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

APPROVER SIGNATURE AND DETAILS WILL BE INSERTED HERE

Enclosed: Fact sheet – Biodiversity development assessment report waiver