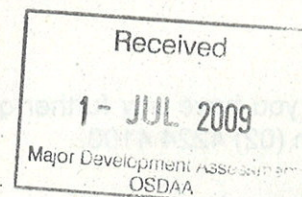


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Mining & Extractive Industries  
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Department of Planning  
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Dear Sir

**EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
PROPOSED COAL PREPARATION PLANT RELIABILITY PROJECT AT  
WEST CLIFF COLLIERY (APPLICATION NUMBER 08 0243)**

I refer to the above Environmental Assessment (EA) provided for the proposed reliability improvement project of the Coal Preparation Plant (CPP) at West Cliff Colliery received by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (the Department) on 1 June 2009.

The proposed project involves the replacement of existing CPP equipment and includes the construction of additional buildings. The Department notes that all works will occur within the already disturbed pit top area, and that the only vegetation to be removed are eight shrubs (*Leptospermum continentale*) that currently form part of the landscaping of the site.

The Department has reviewed the information provided and has determined that it is able to support the proposal in its current form and is satisfied that existing environmental control measures and the commitments outlined within the EA are sufficient to address any potential environmental impacts.

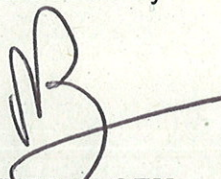
The proponent presently holds an Environment Protection Licence (No 2504) with the Department in relation to the above premises. This license will not be subject to variation if approval is granted, however, to ensure that the approval is consistent with the existing licence, the Department of Planning should consider these licence conditions when drafting any recommended approval conditions.





If you have any further queries in relation to the above matter, please contact Cherie Parmenter on (02) 4224 4100.

Yours sincerely

 29/6/09

**PETER BLOEM**  
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