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Dear Tracy

**RE: Baal Bone Coal Project (09\_0178 MOD2)**  
**Ben Bullen Creek Modification**

Thank you for your invitation for the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to comment on the proposed modification to the Baal Bone Coal Project.

OEH understands that Wallerawang Collieries Pty Limited seeks to modify the Project Approval to retain Ben Bullen Creek in its current alignment rather than reinstate Reach 2 of the creek to its pre-mining alignment through the mine infrastructure area.

As the existing creek line has been used as the current stream bed for approximately 30 years, is geomorphologically stable and has existing biodiversity values OEH is of the view that the environmental benefits of retaining the creek in its current position outweighs the potential impacts of restoring its original alignment.

OEH would however welcome the opportunity to review the Ben Bullen Creek Rehabilitation Plan.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of the OEH please contact David Geering, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5335 or [david.geering@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:david.geering@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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