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Our reference: DOC14/26965-01
Contact: Liz Mazzer 02 6883 5325
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Dear Mr Riley

**RE Tarrawonga and Rocglen Coal Mines Modification Applications
(11_0047 MOD1 and 10_0015 MOD1)**

I refer to your email dated 4th March 2014 requesting comments on the above proposals from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

OEH has responsibilities under the;

- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* - namely the protection and care of Aboriginal objects and places, the protection and care of native flora and fauna and the protection and management of reserves; and the
- *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* which aims to conserve threatened species of flora and fauna, populations and ecological communities to promote their recovery and manage processes that threaten them;
- *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 2003* – ensuring compliance with the requirements of this legislation.

OEH understands that the modifications involve increases in road haulage of coal from the Tarrawonga and Rocglen Mines to the Whitehaven Coal Handling and Preparation Plant.

Based on the information provided, the OEH has no specific comments to make on the proposals at this stage. We assume that the proposals have adequately considered the requirements under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* of the OEH areas of responsibility (ie. natural and cultural heritage conservation issues). Please note that if subsequent information indicates that these areas within the OEH's responsibility require further investigation, OEH may provide future input.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of the OEH please contact Liz Mazzer, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5325.

Yours sincerely,

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