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Dear Mr Freeman

**AIRLY MINE EXTENSION PROJECT – SSD 5581 – MOD 3
EPA comment on Modification Report**

I refer to the request from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) received on 1 November 2019 requesting the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) provide comment on the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) prepared for the modification application submitted by Centennial Airly Pty Ltd for the Airly Mine Extension Project SSD 5581 MOD 3.

As requested, the EPA has considered the SEE for the Proposal in terms of the potential impacts to air, noise, land, water and waste, and notes the following;

- The proposed increase in the run-of-mine coal production rate would require the licensee to submit an application to vary the Environment Protection Licence (EPL 12374). The current fee scale for 'Mining for coal' would need to be varied to increase the activity scale to 2000000 – 3500000 tonne annual production capacity.
- The existing ECOMAX sewage treatment facility at Airly Mine is currently rated for 150 FTE personnel. Relevant approvals would need to be sought prior to the update or replacement works to accommodate the proposed additional 45 FTE personnel in excess of this 150 FTE personnel treatment facility limit.
- Whilst the noise predictions suggest that activities associated with the proposed modification will continue to meet the consent noise criteria, the EPA notes that EPL 12374 does not include monitoring points to highlight each sensitive receptor and the noise criteria relevant to the consent, and as such considers it appropriate to add these points to the licence if the proposal is approved.

Based on the above points and having reviewed the information provided, the EPA considers that the proposed changes will not lead to any significant impacts on the air, water, land, or noise quality and has no specific comments regarding the proposal.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter please contact Mr Matthew Prince at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6883 5354.

Yours sincerely

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