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Dear Jacob

Project: Clarence Colliery Modification 5 – Workforce Increase
Stage: Statement of Environmental Effects - review
Development Application: DA504-00-Mod-5

I refer to your request dated 28 June 2019 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the *Clarence Colliery Modification 5 – Workforce Increase* (the project or modification).

The relevant units internal to the Division have been consulted where required in generating this advice. Further, the Department of Planning and Environment - Planning Services Division and the Proponent should be aware that matters pertaining to rehabilitation, final landform, environmental impacts of subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator and safety are not assessed by the Division and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

The Division has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the project and acknowledges that there are no proposed changes to the approved mining areas, ore processing rate, mine life or mining methods. The proponent is seeking to grow the approved workforce from 300 to 400 personnel to support an increase in mine productivity. Mine productivity decreased as a result of additional rib bolting requirements implemented from July 2018 which were required to improve safety in underground workings. The Division supports the modification as the productive operation and recovery of resource of the Clarence Colliery is a key component of supporting coal supply to the Mount Piper Power Station.

The Division notes that an application to modify the Clarence development approval is currently on exhibition. If approved, the modification will allow Centennial to temporally increase road haulage to Mount Piper Power Station. This will facilitate an alternative source of coal of suitable quality and allow Centennial to supplement a decline in supply from Springvale Colliery.

For further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit on 02 4063 6534 or assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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