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Dear Ms Anderson

Chain Valley Colliery – Modification 4 (SSD 5465 MOD 4)

I refer to your e-mail dated 23 November 2020 in which Planning and Assessment Division invited the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) to review the proposed modification to the Chain Valley Colliery (SSD 5465 MOD 4). BCD understands that the modification involves an expansion of underground mining of the Fassifern Seam under the Wangi Peninsula. Coal would be extracted using bord and pillar mining, which reduces the likely amount of subsidence that will occur. There will be no vegetation clearing required for this project.

BCD recommends that if any unexpected mine subsidence occurs and affects native vegetation or threatened species habitat, that the impacts are assessed using the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM), and if applicable, impacts are offset in accordance with the BAM. BCD has no further comment on this proposed modification.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Robert Gibson, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3154 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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