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Dear Phillip

Project: Maules Creek Coal Mine – Modification 7 Stage: Advice on Mod Report Development Application: MP10-0138-Mod-7

I refer to your correspondence dated 16 February 2021 inviting Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on the Maules Creek Coal Mine – Modification 7 (the Modification) submitted by Whitehaven Coal (the Proponent).

The relevant units internal to MEG have been consulted in generating this advice. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Energy, Resources & Compliance Division and the Proponent should be aware that matters concerning subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator, safety, rehabilitation and environmental impacts of final landform design are not assessed by MEG and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

MEG has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Modification and has no issues to raise. MEG supports the Modification in order to maintain production capacity through the transition to full in-pit dumping of waste rock.

For further advice concerning this matter, please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit on 02 4063 6534 or <u>assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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