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Attention: Mr Paul Freeman, Team Leader

Tuesday, 23 July 2019

Dear Mr Freeman,

#### **CLARENCE COLLIERY DA 504-00 – MODIFICATION 5**

I am writing in response to your request for comments on the proposed “Modification to DA 504-00 – Employee Increase” which seeks to increase the number of full-time equivalent personnel at Clarence Colliery from 300 to 400. This proposed increase in personnel would increase sewage loads to Clarence Colliery’s existing sewage treatment plant and effluent irrigation system.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) notes that in Table 5.4 the proponent has identified that no changes are proposed to Clarence Colliery’s environment protection licence (EPL) no. 726. The EPA considers that changes to EPL 726, to include monitoring and operating conditions related to the effluent quality and the effluent utilisation area, are likely to be required. As such, the EPA is undertaking a detailed review of the “Effluent irrigation area investigation” dated 17 June 2019 and included as Appendix B to the Statement of Environmental Effects.

The EPA considers that it is likely to be able to provide comments on its review of the effluent irrigation area investigation by **7 August 2019**.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Alex McGuirk at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6333 3807 or by emailing [central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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**SHERIDAN LEDGER**  
**Unit Head Central West Region**  
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