

## **DIVISION OF RESOURCES & GEOSCIENCE ADVICE RESPONSE**

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Dear Andrew

**Project: Western Coal Services – Modification 3 (Coal receipt from Lidsdale Siding)**  
**Stage: Review of Statement of Environmental Effects**  
**Development Application: SSD-5579-Mod-3**

I refer to your correspondence dated 23 July 2019 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the *Western Coal Services – Modification 3 (Coal receipt from Lidsdale Siding)* (the Modification) Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE).

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 and safety are not assessed by the Division and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

### **Summary of review**

The Division has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Modification and advises that it has no matters of concern to raise at this time.

Further, the Division notes that the approval of the Modification will allow Western Coal Services to receive and handle coal when coal supply shortfalls are experienced at Energy Australia's Mount Piper Power Station, and dispatch this coal to the power station via the infrastructure operated under the project area.

The Division has determined that should the Modification be approved any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*. The Division requests to review the draft conditions of approval before finalisation and any granting of development consent.

### **Biodiversity Offsets**

The Division has reviewed the Modification SEE and notes within section 5.1 the proponent's assertion that there should be no requirement for Biodiversity Offsets because there are no proposed changes to infrastructure or additional disturbance areas and all activities will remain within previously assessed and approved limits of the original project application area.

For further enquiries and advice in relation to this Modification, please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit on 02 4063 6534 or [assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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