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Western Coal Services Project – SSD 5579 Modification 3 (Coal Receipt from Lidsdale Siding) (SSD-5579-Mod-3): Assessment of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE)

Dear Andrew,

I refer to the email dated 23 July 2019 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide advice regarding the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for Project **Western Coal Services Project – Modification 3 (Coal Receipt from Lidsdale Siding) (SSD-5579-Mod-3)**.

Development Details

The Western Coal Services Project is a coal handling and processing site located approximately 15 kilometres north of Lithgow, NSW.

The **Western Coal Services – SSD 5579 Modification 3 – Coal Receipt from Lidsdale Siding (SSD-5579-Mod-3)** proposes to:

- Enable the transfer of coal from the Lidsdale Rail Siding back to the Springvale Coal Services Site (SCSS) using the existing overland conveyor system that operates between the Lidsdale Rail Siding and the Springvale Coal Services Site; and
- Increase the volume of coal that can be received at the SCSS from other sources (other than the Springvale Mine and Angus Place Colliery) from 1 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 1.5Mtpa.

Environment and Rehabilitation

Compliance Operations within the Resources Regulator has responsibility for providing strategic advice for environmental issues pertaining to the proposed project in so far as they relate to or affect rehabilitation.

The Resources Regulator notes that Modification 3 will not require any change to existing infrastructure, will not require any additional infrastructure, will not increase the total volume of coal that can be received by the Western Coal Services Project and will not change the current approved Project Application Area.

The Modification has been assessed as not significantly changing environmental impacts of the existing approval.

The Resources Regulator therefore has no objection to the approval of Modification 3.

The Resource Regulator has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.


Mine Safety

Mine Safety Operations within the Resource Regulator is responsible for ensuring mine operators manage the risk to worker health and safety through compliance with the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013* and the subordinate mining legislation. In particular the effective management of risk associated with the principal hazards as specified in the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014*.

Mine Safety Operations have not identified any risk that would require comment in relation to this matter.

For enquiries regarding this matter please contact me on (02) 4063 6444 or minres.environment@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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