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## <u>LIDSDALE SIDING COAL LOADER MODIFICATION 1 – INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES</u>

I refer to the Ivanhoe Coal Pty Ltd MOD 1 Responses to Submissions (RtS) for issues raised by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) provided by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on 6 August 2019.

The EPA has reviewed the responses contained in the RtS and understand that the proponent has considered feasible and reasonable mitigation that will minimise the noise levels from the proposed activities, including the addition of several management activities and restrictions to further reduce noise levels from activities proposed by the modification including:

- Limiting the unloading and associated coal handling activities to day time periods only;
- Only operating a single front end loader or dozer at the coal stockpile; and
- Operating trains in a specialised method with the aim to reduce noise emissions from wagons and eliminate noise from wagon stretch or bunching.

The EPA has no further comments regarding DA 08\_0223 MOD 1. Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter please contact Mr Matthew Prince at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6883 5354.

Yours sincerely

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