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Mr Andrew Rode Department of Planning, Industry and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Rode

## MOOLARBEN COAL MINE – MOOLARBEN STAGE 1 MOD 15 - UG4 ANCILLARY WORKS **EPA comment on Statement of Environment Effects**

I refer to your e-mail dated 14 October 2019 and request for the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to provide advice on the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) prepared for the modification application submitted by Moolarben Coal Operations Pty Limited (Moolarben) for the above project.

The EPA has reviewed the SEE for the proposed modifications and considers that the proposed changes will not lead to any significant impacts on air, water or noise quality beyond the site boundary.

The EPA requests clarification as to whether the sediment dams associated with the Down Cast Ventilation Shaft and Remote Services Infrastructure Area compounds will be managed as nil-discharge (incorporated into Moolarben's dirty water management network) or whether it's proposed they will be included in the Environment Protection Licence as licensed discharge points, should the modification be approved.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr Andrew Helms at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA on (02) 6333 3805 or via e-mail at central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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