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Dear Andrew

Project: Moolarben Stage 1 Modification 15 – UG4 Ancillary Works
Stage: Advice on Modification report
Development Application: MP05_0117-Mod-15

I refer to your correspondence dated 2 October 2019 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the *Moolarben Stage 1 Modification 15 – UG4 Ancillary Works* (the Modification) submitted by Moolarben Coal Operations Pty Ltd (the Proponent).

The relevant units internal to the Division have been consulted where required in generating this advice. Further, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Planning & Assessment Division and the Proponent should be aware that matters pertaining to rehabilitation, environmental impacts of final landform design, subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator and safety are not assessed by the Division and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

The Division has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Modification and acknowledges that there are no proposed changes to the approved mining areas, mining layout, ore processing rate, mine life, mining methods or production limits. There is also no change to the Moolarben ore resource/reserve. The Division supports the Modification to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the approved UG4 underground mining area.

Accordingly, the Division has no resource recovery/utilisation or resource sterilisation issues in relation to the Modification, and no recommended conditions of consent.

The Division has determined that, should the Modification be approved, identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992* therefore has no further comments at this time.

For further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit – Resource Assessments on 02 4063 6534 or assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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