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Department of Planning and Environment
By email at: information@planning.nsw.gov.au

Attention: Ms Melissa Anderson

02 July 2019

Dear Ms Anderson

**Request for comment/conditions for the Chain Valley Colliery
EPA response (SSD-5465 Mod 3)**

I refer to the email from the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 17 June 2019 seeking comments and any recommended conditions of approval in relation to the proposed modification for the Chain Valley Colliery (SSD-5465 Mod 3).

Based on our review of the information provided, the EPA understands that Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd (Delta Coal) is seeking to modify SSD-5465 to allow for:

- The transport of run-of-mine coal from the Chain Valley Colliery to the Mannering Colliery via the approved underground conveyors linking the two operations at a rate up to the annual extraction level approved under SSD-5465 (2.1 million tonnes per year); and
- A change in the approval's definition of 'first workings' to allow a broader use of bord and pillar mining methods within the approved premises boundary.

The EPA has reviewed the proposed modification and considers that it will not result in any significant increases in the existing environmental impact of the Chain Valley Colliery. The proposed modification is not seeking changes to the general extent or intensity of mining or any real changes in the mining method or equipment/fleet. If approved, the modification is not expected to require any changes to the operational Environment Protection Licence 1770 held by Delta Coal.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Genevieve Lorang on 02 4908 6869 or by email to hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Corradin'.

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