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Dear Mr Hornshaw

**Mandalong Southern Extension Project (SSD-5144)
Proposed Modification 10 – Approval Pathway**

I refer to your letter, dated 10 June 2021, seeking confirmation of the approval pathway and environmental assessment requirements for a proposed modification 10 to the development consent for the Mandalong Southern Extension Project (SSD-5144). The Department understands that the proposed modification involves modification of the mine plan to include Longwall 34. The proposal also seeks minor amendments to exploration activities and the distribution of annual community fund contributions.

Based on the information contained within your letter, the Department would be willing to consider a modification application under section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

With respect to the supporting Modification Report (MR), the Department is satisfied with your preliminary identification of key issues and supports the key areas of focus in the proposed assessment approach, which includes the following detailed impact assessment studies:

- subsidence;
- surface water;
- groundwater;
- Aboriginal cultural heritage and historic heritage;
- biodiversity;
- socio-economic; and
- greenhouse gas.

Notwithstanding the above, I remind you that all potential impacts of the modification must be assessed.

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you plan to submit the modification application and supporting MR. This will enable the Department to provide lodgment instructions, confirm the applicable fee and discuss exhibition periods. Please note that the Department will require the development application fee to be paid in full prior to formal acceptance and exhibition of the application.

Should you have any questions please contact Melissa Anderson on the details above.

Yours sincerely,



**Director
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