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Dear Lauren,

Mandalong Southern Extension Project – Modification 5 (SSD 5144 MOD 5)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in relation to the proposed modifications to Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited (**Centennial Mandalong**) Southern Extension Project (SSD 5144 MOD 5) involving the extension of Longwall 24 and the addition of Longwall 24A. I have reviewed the documentation available on the Department of Planning and Environment website and would like to make the following comments.

The proposed extension of Longwall 24 and the addition 24A will result in the undermining of surface improvements including roads, residential dwellings and high voltage electrical infrastructure. Previously, mining impacts to these types of infrastructure have represented significant risks to the Mine Subsidence Compensation Fund. Although this infrastructure is positioned within the current study area, Centennial Mandalong's Statement of Environmental Effects advises impacts are expected to be minor. It also states any improvements impacted will remain safe and serviceable during mining however Subsidence Advisory NSW recommends commercial agreements are established prior to mining detailing compensation arrangements between the colliery and the asset owner.

It should also be noted, proposed changes to *Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961* are planned to be implemented in 2018 and mining impacts under this modification will potentially be managed under the new legislative framework. This will result in collieries being responsible for the compensation of impacts caused by their operations.

If you would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at matthew.montgomery@finance.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 0425 275 564.

Yours sincerely

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