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Dear Ms Evans

RE: Comments on Exhibition of Modifications to Mandalong Southern Extension Project, known as Mandalong Coal Mine (SSD 5144 - Mod 5)

I refer to your email dated 25 May 2017 inviting recommended consent conditions for the above State Significant Development application for a modification that involves:

- Extension of an approved longwall panel (LW 24);
- Addition of a new longwall panel (LW 424A); and
- Extraction of approximately 3.71 million tonnes of additional coal from the new/extended panels.

The modified Environmental Assessment and the documents supporting the proposed modification are reviewed and as the delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following comments:

- The proposed development would not impact on any SHR items.
- The proposed modification does not alter the consent boundary for this coal mine.
- The proposed modification is unlikely to have an additional impact beyond those previously assessed.

The following recommended consent condition is developed from an unexpected finds procedure in Appendix 8 – Heritage Impact Assessment of the Statement of Environmental Effects, Mandalong Mine, SSD 5144 - Modification 5, May 2017:

• If, during the course of development works, significant European cultural heritage material is identified, works should cease in that area immediately. The Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage should be notified and works recommenced only when an appropriate and approved management strategy is implemented.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact James Quoyle, Heritage Officer, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, on telephone: 9873 8612 or email: james.quoyle@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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