

Mr Craig White
Environment Superintendent
Bengalla Mining Company Pty Limited
Muswellbrook NSW 2333

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Dear Mr White

**Bengalla Continuation Project (SSD 5170)
Mining Operations Plan Consultation**

I refer to your request seeking the Department's comment on the Mining Operations Plan (MOP) (Amendment D) for the period 1 January 2017 to 2 July 2022 for the Bengalla Continuation Project (SSD 5170).

The Department understands that changes have been made to the MOP (Amendment D) to include additional areas to be disturbed from 1 January 2022 to 2 July 2022, including proposed activities within the ML 1796 (currently being used by MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd for the Mount Pleasant Mine) subject to Bengalla Mining Company gaining access to the land.

I am aware that the MOP is required to be prepared to the satisfaction of the Resources Regulator, in consultation with various agencies. I also note that the MOP has been prepared to address the requirements of the Rehabilitation Management Plan, required under condition 46 of Schedule 3 of SSD 5170.

The Department has carefully reviewed the revised MOP (Amendment D) and is satisfied that it is consistent with the requirements of the consent. Accordingly, the Department confirms it has no comments on the document.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joe Fittell on (02) 4908 6896.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Secretary