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Our Reference: DOC18/693593

Dear Ms Bandaruk

Re: Pipers Flat Rail Unloader Modification 1 - Notification of exhibition of the EA

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division).

General Information

The Division notes the proposed modification by Energy Australia NSW Pty Ltd (Energy Australia) seeks to amend design elements of the approved rail loop and coal unloader to enhance constructability, provide operational efficiencies and improve environmental outcomes. It also sets out a request for a 3 year extension and clarification of aspects of the conditions of approval and statement of commitments.

The Division notes that the area for project approval 06_0271 is directly adjacent to, but not coincident with, mining lease CCL712 held by Ivanhoe Coal Pty Limited. The proposed modification is not considered an impediment to activities associated with the adjacent mining lease.

The Division notes that no further biodiversity offset measures are proposed in this modification and does not consider the activities proposed in the modification to be a sterilisation risk to potential coal resources.

Geoscience Information Services

The Division has a range of online data related to mineral exploration, land use and general geoscience topics:

<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services>

The location of current exploration and mining titles in NSW, explanations of mining and production titles and the roles of community and government in the decision-making

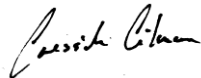
process for mining/resource projects may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities:

<http://commonground.nsw.gov.au>

<https://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/geoscience-information/services/online-services/minview>

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cressida Gilmore', written in a cursive style.

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