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Dear Ms Bandaruk

Re: Pipers Flat Rail Unloader Modification 1

I refer to your email dated 4 September 2018 regarding the proposed modification (Mod1) to the approved Pipers Flat Rail Unloader (formerly known as the Western Rail Coal Unloader). As you are aware, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), formally the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) provided a submission on the Western Rail Coal unloader to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) stating that it was able to support the project subject to several amendments to the Statement of Commitments.

The EPA notes that with regards to the response to Submissions (RTS) and the Statement of Commitments for the Western Rail Coal Unloader proposal, the proponent accepted the comments by the then DECC (EPA) including the recommendation to continue dust monitoring post-construction. With regards to noise and vibration the proponent also accepted the recommendations to have procedures in place for communication with potentially affected residents etc.

The EPA also notes that the proposed modification 1 lists a revised set of Statement of Commitments, the EPA therefore recommends that where practicable and relevant the proponent adheres to the commitments as stated in the RTS for the Western Rail Coal Unloader in addition to the revised set.

The EPA has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) and supporting documents and recommends that:

- sufficient protective barriers are in place within proximity to the creek systems to ensure any coal spillage from stationary trains parked over the creeks or otherwise does not enter the creek systems;
- in addition to take up rollers for the conveyors and coal transfer towers being designed within acoustic enclosures; the proponent evaluates the use of 'low-noise' rollers for the conveyor system.

The proposed activity is a scheduled activity being 'coal works' as per Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the POEO Act), and in the event the project is approved will require a licence variation to include the activity and any applicable monitoring points on the Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 13007.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Mr Allan Adams at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6333 3804 or email central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darryl Cliff'.

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