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Ms Lynelle Briggs AO  
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Dear Ms Briggs *Lynelle*

**Mount Owen Continued Operations Project (SSD 5850)**

Thank you for providing the Department with the Commission's Review Report on the Mount Owen Continued Operations (MOCO) Project, dated February 2016.

The Department has now completed its final assessment of the merits of this project and recommends that the project be approved, subject to conditions. A copy of the Department's Final Assessment Report and recommended conditions are attached.

The Final Assessment Report focuses on responding to the 24 recommendations made in the Commission's Review Report and should be considered in conjunction with the Department's Preliminary Assessment Report of November 2015. To help inform its consideration of the key recommendations in the Commission's Review Report, the Department sought additional independent expert advice on the project's air quality and economic impacts and the further advice of key government agencies.

In accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 14 September 2011, the project is now referred to the Commission for determination.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Mr Howard Reed, A/Executive Director – Resource Assessments & Compliance on 9274 6308.

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy Secretary**  
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