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Dear Professor Barlow

Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project (SSD 8642)

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Public Hearing regarding the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project held on 3 and 4 March 2021. During the Public Hearing, the Department committed to provide additional information to the Commission regarding coal production in the Hunter Valley over the past decade.

The Department has sought advice from Mining, Exploration and Geoscience within Regional NSW to assist in responding to the Commission's enquiries. Please find enclosed for your information annual statistics on the production of saleable coal in the Hunter Valley between 2011 and 2020 (see **Attachment A**).

The Department notes that, with the exception of a slight peak during the 2014 'mining boom', coal production has remained relatively stable over the last decade. In particular, the Department notes that while new mines have commenced coal production in recent years, these operations have largely filled supply gaps left by the cessation or slowing of production at other mines within the Hunter Valley.

I trust that this addresses your enquiry. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Sprott'.

Matthew Sprott
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Attachment A

Table A1: Total Saleable Coal Production in the Hunter Valley (2011 – 2020)

FY Ending	Sum of Saleable Tonnes Produced
2011	88,349,413
2012	93,650,608
2013	108,194,384
2014	114,074,140
2015	105,585,879
2016	102,496,479
2017	103,056,055
2018	102,580,230
2019	104,715,755
2020	107,010,045
Total	1,029,712,988

Figure A1: Total Saleable Coal Production in the Hunter Valley (2011-2020)

