

Our ref: Airly Mine Extension Project Modification 5 - (SSD-5581-Mod-5)

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**Subject: Airly Mine Extension Project Modification 5 - Referral for Determination**

Dear Professor O’Kane

The Department has completed its assessment of Airly Mine Extension Project Modification 5 (SSD-5581-Mod-5, the Project). This modification application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) for determination as the Applicant, Centennial Airly Coal Pty Ltd (Centennial), has made reportable political donation disclosures.

The Airly Coal Mine is an underground coal mine located approximately 25 kilometres north-west of Lithgow, in the Lithgow City local government area. The modification application seeks to increase the number of fulltime employees at the site and update the rehabilitation management and performance conditions to align with the NSW Resource Regulator’s Rehabilitation Reforms.

During the public exhibition, the Department received two submissions objecting to the Project. The Department also received advice from Lithgow City Council and five State government agencies.

The Department has carried out a detailed assessment of the merits of the Project, having regard to Centennial’s project documentation, advice from NSW government agencies, Council and public submissions. The Department has also considered the objects of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* (EP&A Act) and relevant considerations under Section 4.15(1) of the EP&A Act.

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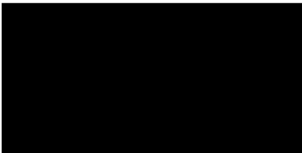


Based on its assessment, the Department considers that the Project's potential impacts are similar in nature and scale to those of the existing operations and can be appropriately managed through existing and proposed conditions of consent

I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report, recommended instrument of modification and other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

If you have questions, please contact me on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



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