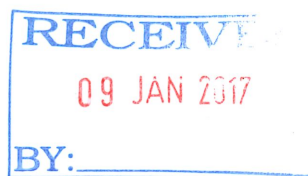




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Ms Lynelle Briggs AO  
Chairperson  
Planning Assessment Commission  
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Dear Ms Briggs

**Bulga Optimisation Project (SSD-4960 MOD 1)  
Eastern Emplacement Area and Tailings Storage**

The Department has received a modification application from Bulga Coal Management Pty Limited for the Bulga Optimisation Project in the Singleton Local Government Area. The Department's assessment of the proposed modification and its recommendations are contained within the attached folder.

The modification is of a minor nature, and would typically be determined within the Department. However, the Applicant has declared reportable political donations by a related company, Glencore Australia Holdings Pty Ltd. Therefore, in accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 14 September 2011, the modification is now referred to the Commission for determination.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Howard Reed, Director, Resource Assessments on 9274 6308.

Yours sincerely

23/12/16

Oliver Holm  
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