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Dear Dr Shepherd

Ashton Coal - proposed South East Open Cut Project

Further to the meeting between Ashton Coal Operations Pty Ltd (ACOL) and the Planning Assessment Commission on 27 June 2012 and subsequent letters dated 6 July 2012 and 10 July 2012 between ACOL and the Commission, and an email from the Commission dated 12 July 2012, please find attached our submission in response to the matters raised.

This submission supplements and supports the findings of the Addendum report by the Director-General, Planning and Infrastructure on the Ashton Coal South East Open Cut (SEOC) Project.

We trust the information contained within this submission addresses outstanding matters that have been raised by the Commission and will facilitate a positive determination of the SEOC Project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any clarification or have any questions concerning this submission.

Yours faithfully

Brian Wesley

General Manager

Ashton Coal Operations Pty Ltd