

Our ref: Clarence Colliery Modification 10 (DA 504-00-Mod-10) and Lidsdale Coal Loader Modification 5 (MP 08_0223-Mod-5)

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Subject: Clarence Colliery Modification 10 & Lidsdale Coal Loader Modification 5 - Referral for Determination

Dear Mr Mills,

The Department has completed its combined assessment of Clarence Colliery Modification 10 and Lidsdale Coal Loader Modification 5 (DA 504-00-Mod-10 and MP 08_0223-Mod-5 respectively, the modifications). This modification applications are referred to the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) for determination as the Applicants, Clarence Colliery Pty Ltd and Ivanhoe Coal Pty Ltd (wholly owned subsidiaries of Centennial Coal Company Limited [Centennial]), has made reportable political donation disclosures.

The Clarence Colliery (Clarence) and Lidsdale Siding are located approximately 10 kilometres (km) east and 9 km north-west of Lithgow, respectively. The modification applications seek to continue to truck increased coal volumes (from 100,000 tpa to 200,000 tpa) from Clarence directly to Mount Piper Power Station (MPPS) and/or to Lidsdale Siding for onward delivery to MPPS via overland conveyer until 31 December 2026.

During the public exhibition, the Department received one submission in support from a special interest group. The Department also received advice from Lithgow City Council and two State government agencies throughout the assessment.

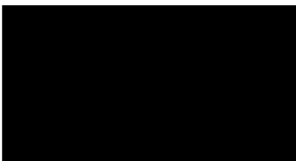
The Department has carried out a detailed assessment of the merits of the modifications, having regard to Centennial's project documentation, advice from NSW government agencies, Council and the submission from a special interest group. The Department has also considered the objects of the *Environmental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

Based on its assessment, the Department considers that the modifications' 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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