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Dear Ms Piggford

**Integra Underground Coal Mine (PA 08_0101)
Modification 8 – Assessment Pathway and Requirements**

I refer to your letter of 18 August 2017 seeking confirmation of the process and environmental assessment requirements for a proposed modification to the project approval for the Integra Underground Mine (PA 08_0101 MOD 8), including realignment of main headings, extension of approved longwall panels and development of new longwalls panels in the Middle Liddell seam.


Based off the information provided in your letter, I can confirm that the proposed modification falls within the scope of section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The now-repealed section 75W is continued by transitional provisions found in clause 12 of Schedule 6A of the EP&A Act, and therefore remains in effect for PA 08_0101.

With respect to the Environmental Assessment (EA), the Department supports and requires the preparation of updated and contemporary environmental impact studies. In particular, I note that Glencore is seeking to provide proportionate and tailored studies related to subsidence, geotechnical, groundwater, surface water, ecology, Aboriginal and historic heritage, air quality, noise, traffic, economics and other issues (including soils, visual and agriculture).

The Department notes that these matters are likely to be key considerations related to the modification. Notwithstanding, I would remind you that the Department will require Glencore to address all impacts of the modification, including social, personnel safety, surface infrastructure and waste, to the extent necessary.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above, please contact Megan Dawson, Team Leader – Resource Assessments, on 9274 6391.

Yours sincerely


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as the Secretary's nominee