



IRF17/327

Ms Lynelle Briggs AO
Chairperson
Planning Assessment Commission
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Dear Ms Briggs *Lynelle*

Hunter Valley Operations South Modification 5 (MP 06_0261 MOD 5)

The Department has received an application from HV Operations Pty Ltd to modify the project approval for the Hunter Valley Operations South coal mine, located in the Singleton Local Government Area.

During exhibition of this application, the Department received 32 public objections. Consequently, the Department requests that the Planning Assessment Commission determine this application in accordance with the Minister's delegations of 14 September 2011 and 11 October 2017.

The Department's assessment of the proposed modification and its recommendations are attached.

Should you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Howard Reed, Director, Resource Assessments, at the Department on 9274 6308.

Yours sincerely

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