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Dear [REDACTED]

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATIONS 6442 & 6443

Narrabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd (NCOPL) has reviewed the redacted copies of the public comments received between 18 March 2022 and 21 April 2022 regarding public notification of Exploration Licence Applications 6442 and 6443 (ELA's).

NCOPL notes that it cannot comment on submissions relating to potential future mining operations as the ELA's do not permit these activities. NCOPL can also not comment on submissions regarding the exploration licence evaluation process that is undertaken by the Department as it is governed by State policy.

In regard to comments relating to potential impacts on landholders or the environment, NCOPL notes that if exploration licences were to be granted, it would be required to submit an application to conduct exploration activities prior to any exploration works. This process will require an environmental impact assessment and stakeholder engagement. NCOPL is committed to undertaking a comprehensive environmental impact assessment and engaging with potentially affected landholders if an exploration licence were to be granted and an exploration program were proposed.

In addition, the current mining operations at the Narrabri Underground Mine has an established Community Consultative Committee, which it proposes to utilise to assist community engagement for the ELA's if they were to be granted.

Pease do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] if you would like to discuss any of the above further.

Yours sincerely

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Director, NCO Stage 3 Project