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Dear Mr Green

**Re: Planning Proposal (PP_2012_Wollongong_004-00) - Review of land formerly zoned 7(D)
at Helensburgh, Otford and Stanwell tops**

Thank you for your letter of 23rd of April 2012 regarding the rezoning proposal at Wollongong. This is a coordinated response from DTIRIS Resources & Energy Division – Mineral Resources. There are no issues relevant to the interests of Primary Industries - Forests NSW, Primary Industries – Fisheries and Primary Industries – Agriculture.

The land proposed for rezoning is located within the Metropolitan Colliery Holding (Consolidated Coal Lease 703 held by Helensburgh Coal Pty Ltd) and is underlain by coal resources in the Bulli and Balgownie seams of the Illawarra Coal Measures.

The majority of the Bulli seam has been mined beneath the land proposed for rezoning. However, Metropolitan has plans to mine the Bulli seam in the Woronora Dam area. There are no existing plans to mine the Balgownie seam.

The Mineral Resources division has no objections to the planning proposal to rezone land formerly 7 (D) at Helensburgh, Otford and Stanwell Tops while ever underground mining is permissible.

Should you require further assistance regarding mineral issues, please contact Spencer Hopcroft on 02 4931 6710 or by email spencer.hopcroft@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the proposal.

Yours sincerely

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