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Dear Ravi Chandra

Thank you for your email of 18 June 2025 to the Hon Gail Tierney, Minister for Water, regarding the public exhibition currently underway for EnergyAustralia's draft Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) for Yallourn Mine. As this matter is in my area of responsibility, the Minister has asked that I respond on her behalf.

I refer you to the *Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy* which sets out principles and actions to guide regional rehabilitation planning for the Latrobe Valley coal mines and adjacent land within a regional context, and the 2023 *Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy Amendment* which provides a high-level overview of the regulatory context for mine rehabilitation planning.

EnergyAustralia's Yallourn draft DMRP proposes water-based rehabilitation and acknowledges the need for various approvals under the *Water Act 1989*, including, but not limited to various water entitlements and works licences. I therefore encourage you to engage with relevant regulators — including Southern Rural Water and West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — in a timely and coordinated way.

I note the draft DMRP states that EnergyAustralia Yallourn plans to apply to the Minister for Water for a bulk water entitlement for mine rehabilitation by the end of 2026. I encourage you to continue to work with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action on progressing timely rehabilitation planning.

More broadly, I am advised that the Yallourn Mine Rehabilitation Working Group, convened by Resources Victoria Approvals Coordination, is an effective forum to provide feedback to support EnergyAustralia Yallourn to continue to develop this DMRP.

Finally, I note that EnergyAustralia Yallourn has not included the referenced appendices in your draft DMRP, nor any technical reports relating to surface water. Please consider making these available to ensure that the community is appropriately informed during the public exhibition period.

Thank you for writing to the Minister about this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse', is positioned above the printed name.

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