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Dear Cr Statham,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 March 2015 to the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, regarding the Lithgow Minerals and Industry Park. As the matter is within my area of responsibility, the Minister has referred your letter for my consideration.

As you are aware the sale by the NSW Government of the Delta West - Mount Piper and Wallerawang Power Stations to Energy Australia (EA) was completed in September 2013. The sale included the site of the proposed Lithgow Minerals and Industry Park as it formed part of the buffer zone for the Wallerawang Power Station, which was fully operational at the time of transfer. As a result the NSW Government cannot exercise control over this property.

The Council will also be aware that the Wallerawang Power Station has been decommissioned and that the demolition process has commenced. When completed the Wallerawang site may also be available as an industrial development site.

It is solely a matter for EA to determine the future development of the industrial site it now owns.

I would therefore encourage the Council to maintain dialogue with EA in regard to EA's future plans.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the NSW Government regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully,

**Gladys Berejiklian MP
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Clr. Maree Statham
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Dear Maree,

Lithgow Minerals and Industry Park

Thank you for your letter of the 17th of August 2015 in relation to the Lithgow Minerals and Industry Park.

In my letter of the 10th of July I outlined the status of the Wallerawang decommissioning, deconstruction and rehabilitation plan. It is a complex and involved project, one that requires sensitive handling and will take years to complete.

The land you refer to in your letter is owned by EnergyAustralia and forms part of the buffer lands around the Wallerawang power station. While I cannot speak to the intent of the former owners, EnergyAustralia has no plans to divest the property in the foreseeable future.

As you are well aware, the mining and electricity industries in and around Lithgow face challenging futures. Strong, united leadership is critical. I believe our joint priority at this time should be to continue to advocate for timely planning approval for the Springvale mine extension.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support in this challenging environment. I have asked Luke Welfare and his team to continue to closely liaise with you and your General Manager on the Wallerawang DDR process. Naturally, Luke remains available to assist both you and the Council at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Tanna

Managing Director, EnergyAustralia