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Dear Ms Dobbins

**Wambo Underground Coal Mine (DA 305-7-2003-i)
Extraction Plan for Longwalls 21 to 24**

I refer to the Extraction Plan for Longwalls (LWs) 21 to 24, which has been prepared in accordance with condition B7 of Schedule 2 of the above development consent and revised to address the Department's comments dated 15 January 2021, to include a revised mining schedule, and to include a number of recently approved supplementary management plans.

The Department has carefully reviewed the Extraction Plan (including its various sub-plans) and is satisfied that it addresses the relevant requirements of the development consent (see **Attachment A**).

Accordingly, the Secretary has approved the Extraction Plan (Revision B, dated January 2021), subject to the following administrative amendments:

- The fourth paragraph on page 26 of the Extraction Plan requires re-wording and states incorrect water volumes for seepage from North Wambo Creek into the underground workings. This same information is presented in paragraph 8 on page 17 of the approved Water Management Plan that forms Appendix A of the Extraction Plan. Please amend as per the email sent to the Department on 31 March 2021.
- The third paragraph on page 27 states that mitigation measures to manage predicted subsidence impacts on North Wambo Creek are summarised in Section 5. However, Section 5 of the EP is the reference section. Section 3.1 summarises water management. Please check all cross references within the EP and update where required prior to issuing the final version of the document.
- On page 36 of the main EP, update references to the Water Management Plan to reflect the currently approved version of the document.
- Include a copy of the MEG (formerly DRG) letter regarding LWs 21 to 24 in Attachment 2 to the EP.

Please forward a final version of the Extraction Plan, incorporating the above amendments, to the Department by **Tuesday 6 April 2021**. The final version of the approved plan should also be placed on the project website as soon as possible.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Sarah Clibborn on 8837 6095.

Yours sincerely



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as nominee of the Planning Secretary