

27th April, 2017

Melanie Hollis
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NSW Dept of Planning and Environment
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Our ref: 10.121.046

Your ref: DA 305-7-2003 Mod 17

Dear Melanie,

**Wambo Coal Mine (DA 305-7-2003 Mod 17)
Proposed Modification**

The Dams Safety Committee (DSC) has read the Environmental Assessment Report for Wambo Coal Mine (DA 305-7-2003) Modification 17 for the South Bates Extension for the Underground Coal Project.

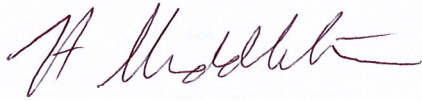
The proposals from Wambo DA 305-7-2003 Mod 11 onwards include the construction of a large Water Dam to be known as the Montrose Water Dam. The DSC prescribed the Montrose Water Dam at their meeting in June 2015 and once a design report for the dam is received a notification area will be delineated around the proposed dam. The proposed South Bates longwalls underlie both the proposed Montrose Dam and the proposed notification area that will be delineated around the Montrose Dam. In order to mine within a Notification Area the Mine must submit an application to the DSC and seek endorsement prior to beginning works within a Notification Area.

Without the proposed Montrose Water Dam there are already 4 notification areas over Wambo's existing prescribed dams (see image below), each of which has been published in the NSW Government Gazette. Wambo Coal has worked in consultation with the Dam Safety Committee for over the last decade ensuring that all previous applications were submitted and endorsed through the correct channels.

To discuss this situation further please contact William Ziegler the Manager of Mining Impacts at the Dams Safety Committee, on 04 9842 08077 or at bill.ziegler@damsafety.nsw.gov.au.

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Yours Sincerely



for

Bill Ziegler

**Manager Mining Impacts
Dams Safety Committee**

Existing Notification Areas (blue polygons) at Wambo Mine where DSC regulation has occurred.

