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Dear Melanie

Wambo Coal Mine – South Bates Extension – Modification 17 (DA 305-7-2003)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in relation to the proposed modifications to the Wambo Coal Mine Modification 17(DA 305-7-2003).

It is understood the modification involves;

- development of additional longwall panels in the Whybrow coal seam;
- the mining of an additional 18 Mt of ROM coal;
- an additional 3.7 Mt of course rejects and 2.1 Mt of tailings;
- extension of the approved mine life by 7 years until 2039;
- construction of additional infrastructure.

Subsidence Advisory NSW has no objection to the proposed modifications.

The project needs to be aware of the proposed changes to the *Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961* which will require mining operators to directly compensate for subsidence damages that they cause to surface improvements.

If you would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at matthew.montgomery@finance.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 4677 1967.

Yours sincerely

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