

Ms Lynelle Briggs AO
Chairperson
Planning Assessment Commission
GPO Box 3415
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Ms Briggs 

Wambo Coal Mine MOD 17 (DA 305-7-2003 MOD 17)

The Department has received an application from Wambo Coal Pty Ltd to modify the development consent for the Wambo Coal Mine, located in the Singleton Local Government Area.

During exhibition of this application, the Department received 26 public objections. Consequently, the Department requests that the Planning Assessment Commission determine this application in accordance with the Minister's delegations of 16 February 2015 and 11 October 2017. The Department's assessment of the proposed modification and its recommendations are attached.

The key assessment issues relate to subsidence and water resources. The proposed modification is also a controlled action under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and has been assessed under the Bilateral Agreement between NSW and the Commonwealth.

Should you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Howard Reed, Director, Resource Assessments, at the Department on 9274 6308.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Secretary
Planning Services

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