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Dear Ms Dobbins

**Wambo Coal Mine (DA 305-7-2003)  
Endorsement of Water Expert**

I refer to your letter dated 13 August 2020, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval of a suitably qualified person to prepare the Water Management Plan, required by condition B66 of the Wambo Coal Mine Development Consent (DA 305-7-2003).

This plan includes several sub-management plans including a Site Water Balance, Surface Water Management Plan, Monitoring Program, Groundwater Management Plan and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. I also note that it is proposed to combine the Wambo and United Wambo (SSD 7142) Site Water Balance and Monitoring Program under condition A23(d). These joint aspects of the Water Management Plan would be prepared by Chris Bonomini from Umwelt Australia.

I note that previously endorsed experts for Wambo, Ms Claire Stephenson and Dr Noel Merrick from SLR and Mr Rohan Lucas from Alluvium will remain the endorsed experts for groundwater and the North Wambo Creek Diversion.

The Department has reviewed the nomination and information you have provided and is satisfied that all four experts are suitably qualified and experienced. Consequently, I can advise that the Planning Secretary approves the additional appointment of Chris Bonomini to prepare the relevant sections of the Water Management Plan alongside the existing endorsed experts.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Sarah Clibborn on (02) 82 896 184 or via email at [sarah.clibborn@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sarah.clibborn@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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