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Dear Mr Jaeger

**Wambo Coal Mine (DA 305-7-2003)
South Bates Extension - Shortening of Longwall 20**

I refer to your letter dated 26 February 2020 and 25 March 2020, requesting the Secretary's approval to shorten Longwall 20 by a total of 187.5 metres compared to the longwall layout in Extraction Plan (EP), approved 4 June 2019, due to the presence of a previously unidentified fault intersecting the longwall's commencing end.

The Department notes that the reduction in longwall length would likely result in reduced or negligible changes to subsidence impacts and environmental consequences on the surface and therefore would not significantly change predicted impacts to natural and built features as described in the Environmental Assessment for Modification 17.

The Department considers that the subsidence impacts and environmental consequences would be similar or less than compared to the approved layout.

Considering the above, the Secretary agrees that the proposed modified layout would still comply with condition A2 of Schedule 2 of the Wambo Coal Mine development consent (DA 305-7-2003).

The Department also considers the management and mitigation measures described in the approved EP remain appropriate. However, the Department requests that relevant figures in the EP are updated to reflect the changed layout.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Melanie Hollis on 8217 2043.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Sprott'.

Matthew Sprott
Director
Resource Assessments (Coal & Quarries)

as nominee of the Planning Secretary