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Dear Mr Brown

**Ashton Coal Mine (DA 309-11-2001-i)
Approval of Experts**

I refer to your request dated 3 April 2020, requesting the Secretary's approval of suitably qualified and experienced persons to prepare the Extraction Plan for Longwalls 205 to 208 in the Upper Lower Liddell Seam for the Ashton Coal Mine (DA 309-11-2001-i).

The Department has reviewed the nominations and information you have provided and is satisfied that these experts are suitably qualified and experienced. Consequently, I can advise that the Secretary approves the appointment of the following experts to prepare the Extraction Plan for Longwalls 205 to 208 in the Upper Lower Liddell Seam:

- Mr Josh Peters (Resource Strategies) - Extraction Plan preparation;
- Dr Ken Mills and Mr Stephen Wilson (SCT Operations) - Subsidence;
- Mr Andrew Durick (AGE Consultations) - Groundwater;
- Mr Tony Marszalek (Hydro Engineering and Consulting) - Surface Water;
- Ms Elizabeth Waytt (Insite Heritage) - Heritage; and
- Ms Kalya Abbey (Eco Logical Australia) – Biodiversity.

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

Yours sincerely



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as nominee of the Secretary