



Mr Cody Brady
Principal Approvals
Illawarra Metallurgical Coal
Enterprise 1 Building, Level 3 Squires Way
NORTH WOLLONGONG NSW 2500

06/08/2021

Dear Mr Brady

**Dendrobium Mine - (DA60-03-2001)
LW17 - Approval for final 200 m extraction**

I refer to your request to extract the final 200 metres (m) of coal from longwall 17.

I note that condition 10 of Schedule 4 of the approval for the subsidence management plan for longwall 18 (which also contains conditions pertaining to longwall 17), requires IMC to demonstrate that the watercourse performance measure for Wongawilli Creek has not been exceeded and would not be exceeded before it can continue mining closer than 600 m to the creek.

The Department is satisfied that you have demonstrated that the watercourse performance measures for Wongawilli Creek set out in condition 13 of the Area 3B subsidence management plan approval have not been exceeded by extraction of longwall 17 to date, and that no exceedance of the performance measures is predicted.

I also note the Wongawilli Creek and Waterfall 54 Management Strategy includes a trigger action response plan designed to provide early warning of any potential exceedances of the performance measure so that this can be avoided.

Accordingly, the Secretary approves the continued mining of the longwall closer than 600 m to the Wongawilli Creek, but no closer than 400 m to the creek.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Rose-Anne Hawkeswood on 9274 6324.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S O'Donoghue'.

Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
As nominee of the Secretary