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Dear Mr Freeman

WONGAWILLI MINE
TIME EXTENSION MODIFICATION (09 0161 MOD 1)

I am writing in reply to your email request dated 19 June 2015 for comment on Wollongong Coal's proposed modification of its Major Approval for the Wongawilli Colliery Nebo Area Project (09-0161).

The proposed modification is to extend the duration of mining operations for the project from 31 December 2015 to 31 December 2020. No other aspects of the project approval are proposed to be modified.

Wollongong Coal holds Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 1087 with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for operation of its pit top Colliery at Wongawilli. The EPL contains conditions that limit the environmental impact of noise, air and water emissions from the site. The EPL also requires on-going monitoring and reporting of dust levels and water discharges in order to determine compliance with limit conditions. The Colliery is presently under care and maintenance. The EPL applies and will continue to apply while the licence remains in force and the mine has a valid project approval for its operations.

The EPA requests NSW Department of Planning and Environment take into account the requirements of the EPL when determining this application. The EPA has no further comments on this application provided the conditions of the licence (and the requirements of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997) are complied with at all times.

Should you require any further information, please contact the above officer on (02) 4224 4100.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Bloem', followed by the date '8/7/15' written in a similar style.

PETER BLOEM
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