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Trent Cini
Environment and Community Manager
Moolarben Coal Operations Pty Limited
16 February 2024

Subject: Moolarben Coal Stage 1 – UG4 LW401, LW402, LW403 End of Panel Report

Dear Mr Cini

I refer to the Moolarben Coal Operations UG4 LW401, LW402, LW403 – End of Panel Report (the report) submitted to the Department on 18 January 2024 as required under the LW401 to LW408 Extraction Plan.

The Department engaged the *Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Mining* (the Panel) to review the report given the involvement of the Panel in the assessment of the Extraction Plan. The Panel's advice is attached to this correspondence.

The Department requests that in accordance with the advice, you provide an End of Panel Report after the extraction of LW407 (and before the completion of LW408) including:

- an assessment of subsidence predictions and actual impacts,
- data and trends for all underlying groundwater systems, and an assessment of impacts to the Triassic sandstone aquifer and its environmental and cultural assets adjacent to and downstream of the UG4 area,
- surface water data and trends for the Goulburn River adjacent to and downstream of the UG4 area, and
- an assessment of cultural heritage impacts.

The Department also requests that you provide a written response to the other recommendations of the Panel outlined in Section 5.0 of the advice and make updates to the Extraction Plan if required by **15 March 2024** or propose an alternative schedule for recommendations that cannot be addressed within this timeframe.

Please submit your response via the Major Projects Portal.

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387 or via email at jack.turner@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SOD".

16/02/2024

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Resource Assessments

Attached: *Moolarben Coal Stage 1: Review of UG4 LW401, LW402, LW403 End of Panel Report
(Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Mining)*