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Subject: Moolarben Coal Complex – Water Management Plans

Dear Mr Flood

I refer to the updated water management plan documents submitted in accordance with condition 33 of Schedule 3 of MP05_0117 and condition 29 of Schedule 3 of MP08_0135. I also acknowledge your response to the review comments from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Since the lodgement of these documents, the Planning Secretary has issued a conditional approval of the *UG4 Extraction Plan Longwalls 409-414* (extraction plan) which supersedes aspects of these plans, particularly in relation to groundwater and surface water trigger investigation levels and monitoring requirements.

With the exception of these aspects, Department is satisfied that the revised plans meet the requirements of the relevant conditions in consent.

The Department is aware that further revisions to the water management plans will be required in the coming months to incorporate:

- aspects approved under the extraction plan; and
- updates the groundwater model as required by the conditions of approval for the extraction plan.

On this basis, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the following plans, subject to the condition in **Table 1**:

- Surface Water Management Plan (rev 6, April 2026);
- Site Water Balance (rev 6, April 2026); and
- Groundwater Management Plan (rev 6, April 2026).

Table 1 | Water Management Plan - Conditions of Approval

For any inconsistencies between the <i>UG4 Extraction Plan Longwalls 409-414</i> and the:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surface Water Management Plan (rev 6, April 2026);• Site Water Balance (rev 6, April 2026); and |
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- Groundwater Management Plan (rev 6, April 2026).
- the *UG4 Extraction Plan Longwalls 409-414* prevails.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the above plans and the conditions of consent, the conditions prevail.

Please ensure you make the documents publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on (02) 9274 6489 or gen.lucas@dphi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary