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Dear Mr Cini

**Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 1 (05_0117)
Extension of Time to Submit Independent Water Quality Study**

I refer to your request for an extension of time to submit an Independent Water Quality Study (the study) for the Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 1.

Under condition 32A of Schedule 3 of the above development consent, the study is required to be submitted by 1 December 2021. Extensive investigation work has been completed, including additional sampling, eco-toxicological studies and independent expert review, and that the study is in the final stages of preparation. However, additional time is needed to finalise consultation with the Environment Protection Authority.

The Department considers this request to be reasonable and the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 28 February 2022.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Gen Lucas on 9274 6489.

Yours sincerely



Stephen O'Donoghue
Director Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Secretary