



Mr Trent Cini
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Dear Mr Cini

**Moolarben Coal Mine (MP05_0117)
Treated Water Discharge Time Extension**

I refer to your request (MP05_0117-PA-48) for an extension of time to discharge treated water to the Goulburn River at the existing electrical conductivity limit of 685 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

Under condition 32 of Schedule 3 of the above development consent, discharge at this electrical conductivity limit is permitted until 30 June 2022 after which the limit must be determined in accordance with an Independent Water Quality Study. The requirements of the Independent Water Quality Study are specified in condition 32A of Schedule 3 of the above development consent and requires consultation with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA).

The Department understands that a draft Independent Water Quality Study has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the development consent, with the exception of final review comments from the NSW EPA, which are anticipated to be provided after 30 June 2022. The Department understands that the draft Independent Water Quality Study concludes that the existing limit of 685 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ is appropriate and that the ongoing discharge of treated water is critical for the ongoing operation of the mine.

Accordingly, the Department considers this request to be reasonable and the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 30 September 2022.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387.

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