

24 February 2023

Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment

Via [Project Portal](#)

Dear Stephen,

RE: MOOLARBEN COAL COMPLEX – TREATED WATER DISCHARGE TIME EXTENSION REQUEST

MCO request a further extension of time to address the treated water discharge quality related requirements of Project Approval 05_0117 Condition 32 as modified for the Open Cut Optimisation Modification (Mod 15).

On 2 December 2022 DPE granted MCO an extension until 28 February 2023. MCO is continuing to work with the New South Wales (NSW) Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regarding the IWQS Report. This correspondence is therefore seeking the agreement of the Secretary that MCO can continue to discharge at the current limit after 28 February 2023 under the Project Approval.

Please note that it is critical to operational continuity that MCO can continue to discharge treated water.

Action

In consideration of the IWQS Report conclusion, MCO has not sought an increase in the current discharge limit of 685 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ at this time.

MCO kindly requests the agreement of the Secretary that MCO can continue to discharge at the existing electrical conductivity limit of 685 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ after 28 February 2023 under the Project Approval (05_0117).

Should you have any further queries or require any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0408 312 269 or Trent.Cini@yancoal.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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