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Subject: Moolarben Coal Complex – Groundwater Model Update

Dear Mr Cini

I refer to your letters dated 28 April and 11 May 2023 regarding the timeframe to provide an updated groundwater technical report for the Moolarben Coal Complex.

I note that approval was granted for the Underground 4 Extraction Plan (Longwalls 401-408) subject to conditions requiring an update and peer review of the groundwater model and lodgement of a detailed technical groundwater report prior to the commencement of longwall mining of LW404.

The Extraction Plan made commitments to provide the groundwater report by 30 April 2023, which would allow sufficient time for the information to be reviewed by the Department (and relevant agencies) prior to mining in LW404, which was scheduled for August 2023.

I understand commencement in LW404 is now scheduled to occur later than previously anticipated (ie in December 2023) and I note your proposal to provide the updated groundwater documentation prior to commencement.

The Department considers that the groundwater report must be lodged with sufficient time for the Department and relevant agencies to review. There must also be sufficient time for any feedback to be incorporated and reviewed again if necessary.

Based on the proposed schedule for commencing mining in LW404, the Department requests that the groundwater report is provided no later than **18 August 2023**.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Gen Lucas on 9274 6489 or gen.lucas@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary