

18th March, 2026

Mr. M. Wood,
Senior Investigator,
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure,
Level 2, 84 Crown Street,
WOLLONGONG NSW 2500

Submitted via the Major Projects Planning Portal

Dear Mr. Woods,

MP 07_0127 Project Approval – Schedule 3 Conditions 26

Castlereagh Coal (CC) seeks an extension of time to comply with Schedule 3, Condition 26 of MP 07_0127 which states:

Prior to 5 December 2025, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant must prepare a WMP for the project to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.

An extension on the above condition has been granted to 31st March, 2026. A further extension for the preparation of components of the Invincible Colliery Water Management Plan (WMP) is requested and based on the following reasons:

- Castlereagh Coal have engaged suitably qualified and experienced persons (Umwelt) to prepare the updated Invincible Colliery WMP based upon the outcomes of the Site Water Management Investigation Report and Low pH Water Study (EMM Consulting);
- Whilst a draft WMP is complete, following submission of the above reports to the EPA and subsequent responses received, Umwelt require further time to ensure the outcomes of the reports are considered and recommendations for improvement are incorporated into the updated WMP;
- Allowance for an appropriate review period for EPA and DCCEEW Water Group to make comment on the updated WMP;
- Time required for CC to adjust the WMP based upon EPA and DCCEEW comments prior to submission to DPHI.

A proposed timeline for the submission of components of the WMP is requested as follows:

- Submission of Site Water Balance, as per Schedule 3, Condition 27 (i) – 15th May, 2026 (extension requested);
- Submission of Surface Water Management Plan, as per Schedule 3 Condition 27(ii) – 30th June, 2026 (extension requested);
- Submission of Groundwater Management Plan, as per Schedule 3 Condition 27(iii) – 30th June, 2026 (extension requested).

Your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated to ensure Castlereagh Coal can deliver a thorough WMP to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary and other relevant parties. If you require any further information pertaining to this letter, please contact Taresa Hateley (Environmental Superintendent) via email on taresa.hateley@ccoal.com.au or via phone 0493 577 337.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hateley'.

Taresa Hateley
Environmental Superintendent
Castlereagh Coal