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21/10/2021

Dear Ms McCormack

**Austar Coal Mine (DA 29/95)
Lapsing of Consent**

I refer to your letter dated 7 October 2021 seeking clarification from the Department regarding the duration for which the Austar Coal Mine development consent (DA 29/95) has effect.

I confirm that the intent of condition 5 of Schedule 2 is to ensure that mining operations cease by 14 February 2022. Despite this DA 29/95 would not 'lapse' after this date.

I confirm that your understanding is correct and Austar Coal Pty Ltd will still be required to undertake rehabilitation activities and relevant monitoring in accordance with DA 29/95 and all approved management plans.

Further to this, the Department confirms that DA 29/95 will still have effect and is able to be modified after 14 February 2022.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joe Fittell on (02) 4908 6896.

Yours sincerely



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Director
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As nominee of the Secretary