

16 October 2023

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Submitted via Major Projects Portal

Dear Stephen,

**Re: NARRABRI UNDERGROUND MINE STAGE 2 PROJECT – CONDITIONS 3 AND 4 OF PROGRESSIVE APPROVAL OF EXTRACTION PLAN LW 203 - LW 206**

I refer to your letter dated 7 May 2023 granting progressive approval of the Extraction Plan LW 203-206 (approval of the Extraction Plan for Longwall 203 only) subject to conditions.

Condition 3 of the progressive approval requires:

*Within 6 months of this approval, Narrabri Coal must provide a detailed response to the Panel's recommendations in relation to Aboriginal heritage.*

Condition 4 of the progressive approval requires:

*Within 6 months of this approval, Narrabri Coal must install and commission the additional monitoring bore (Panel recommendation 6(ii)).*

Narrabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd (NCOPL) has made material progression toward meeting the requirements of Conditions 3 and 4, including:

- Condition 3 (Aboriginal heritage) – NCOPL has developed proposed management measures and met with the Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) on 4 October 2023 regarding the plan of management for the Mayfield GG1 site. During the meeting NLALC committed to providing a written response on the proposed management methods back to NCOPL which has not yet been provided. NCOPL proposes to provide the detailed response to the Panel's recommendations once formal consultation feedback has been received from Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council and appropriately considered.
- Condition 4 (groundwater monitoring bores) – the current schedule for installation of the additional groundwater monitoring bores has forecast completion of all bores in early November. Additional time in the schedule is required to accommodate for any unforeseen impacts to the schedule caused by delays such as weather, equipment failure and the execution of remaining landholder access agreements for bores that need to be installed on third party properties. Verbal agreement on access has been received but NCOPL are awaiting the final agreement to be signed and returned.

Based on the above, an extension of the timeframe by approximately three weeks to **30 November 2023** to address the requirements of Condition 3 and Condition 4 of the progressive approval is sought from the Department of Planning Environment.

Could you please confirm your approval of the requested extension of time to **30 November 2023** to address these matters.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0448 045 814 or [DEllwood@whitehavencoal.com.au](mailto:DEllwood@whitehavencoal.com.au) if you would like to discuss this matter in further detail.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Ellwood".

David Ellwood

**Director Narrabri Coal Operations Stage 3 Project**