

Our ref: Metropolitan Coal Mine-4 (MP 08_0149-Mod-4)

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Subject: Environmental Assessment Requirements for Modification 4 – Longwalls 317 and 318

Dear Mr Degotardi

I refer to your scoping letter dated 12 October 2023 regarding a proposed modification to development consent for the Metropolitan Coal Mine (MP 08_0149). I understand the modification would seek approval:

- to reconfigure longwall 317 and add a new longwall 318;
- to remediate a section of the embankment at the Surface Facilities area; and
- for a long term coal reject strategy.

The Department agrees that the appropriate planning pathway for the modification application would be under Section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, provided that the supporting modification report demonstrates that the modified development is substantially the same as the development for which consent was originally granted.

The Department is satisfied with the proposed approach to preparing a modification application outlined in your letter.

During the preparation of the modification report, you are required to undertake consultation in accordance with the *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects*. The modification report should clearly state how any matters raised during consultation have been addressed.

Your modification report must be prepared having regard to the department's *State Significant Development Guidelines* – including the *Preparing a Modification Report Guideline*, which is available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/Rapid-Assessment-Framework.

Your next step will be to lodge your modification application through your dashboard on the Major Projects website (<http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>).

Matters of National Environmental Significance

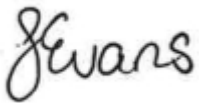
Any development likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance will require approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval is in addition to approvals required under NSW legislation.

It is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to determine if you need approval under the EPBC Act (<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/>).

Please contact the department at least two weeks before you plan to submit the modification application and note that the development application fee must be paid in full prior to the department accepting the application.

If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Hollis on 02 8217 2043 or via email at melanie.hollis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessie Evans".

Jessie Evans
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as delegate for the Planning Secretary