

Mr Stephen Love  
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**Subject:** Metropolitan Coal Surface Works Assessment Form

Dear Mr Love

I refer to your submission dated 21 October 2025, requesting approval of the Surface Works Assessment Form (October 2025). The Surface Works Assessment Form has been prepared as part of the Construction Management Plan (CMP), required by condition 11 of Schedule 3 of the development consent (MP 08\_0149). The CMP details surface construction works (excluding rehabilitation and remediation works) in the Woronora Special Area.

The Surface Works Assessment Form details the construction and environmental management measures for:

- the construction and operation of two enclosed flare units adjacent to the existing Ventilation Shaft No 3 (VS3); and
- the replacement of ventilation infrastructure within the existing VS3 area.

I also acknowledge your response to the Department's request for additional information in relation to vegetation clearance and bushfire safety as a result of issues raised by WaterNSW.

I note that Metropolitan has a Bushfire Response Plan in place for the VS3 area and that this plan will be reviewed and updated (if required) prior to construction works commencing and following the completion of construction. I also note that based on the information provided the vegetation clearance would be within the approved clearance limits.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the works as described in the Surface Works Assessment Form (October 2025). Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience. If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Melanie Hollis at [melanie.hollis@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:melanie.hollis@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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