



Mr Jon Degotardi
Metropolitan Coal

By email

29/03/2022

Dear Mr Degotardi

**Metropolitan Coal Project (MP 08_0149)
Longwall 308 Minor First Workings Amendment Request**

I refer to the Metropolitan Coal Longwall 308 minor first workings amendment request dated 22 November 2021 which was submitted in accordance with condition 5 of Schedule 3 of the approval for the Metropolitan Coal Mine (MP 08_0149).

The Department notes that the proposed first workings amendment seeks to revise the approved mine plan to:

- establish longwall geometry consistent with the approved Extraction Plan; and
- alter the position of the commencing end of Longwall 308, resulting in a shorter panel than that approved.

The Department has carefully reviewed the first workings request and consulted with the Resources Regulator division of the Department of Regional NSW. The Resources Regulator division did not raise concerns about the proposed amendment and the Department is satisfied that the proposed amendments are unlikely to result in any significant change in impacts.

The Department notes that the Resources Regulator advised that the secondary extraction of Longwall 308 would be subject to a High-Risk Activity Notification under Clause 33 of the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014*.

Accordingly, the Secretary has approved your request.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Gabrielle Allan on 02 9585 6078.

Yours sincerely

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

Jessie Evans
Director, Resource Assessments
Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Secretary

