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Subject: Longwall 309 First Workings Layout

Dear Mr Degotardi

I refer to your submission dated 20 October 2022, requesting approval to vary the first workings of Longwall 309 (LW 309) from the length originally approved under the Metropolitan Coal Project Preferred Project Report as shown on **Figure 1** (see attached).


The Department notes that revised layout would not change the currently approved panel width, pillar width or panel orientation. The first workings would be non-subsiding and would not result in increased subsidence effects.

The Department consulted with the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) and the Resources Regulator. MEG noted that it is satisfied that the revised first workings for LW 309 would allow for maximised recovery of resources from within the Bulli Seam and would provide an appropriate return to the State. The Resources Regulator did not identify any specific concerns regarding mine safety or mine subsidence matters as a result of the revised first workings.

The Department is satisfied that this change to the proposed first workings would be unlikely to result in additional subsidence impacts. Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the revisions to the first workings of LW 309 as shown in **Figure 1**.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Melanie Hollis on 8217 2043.

Yours sincerely



Jessie Evans
Director, Resource Assessments
Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Figure 1 – Revised Longwall Layout – Longwall 309

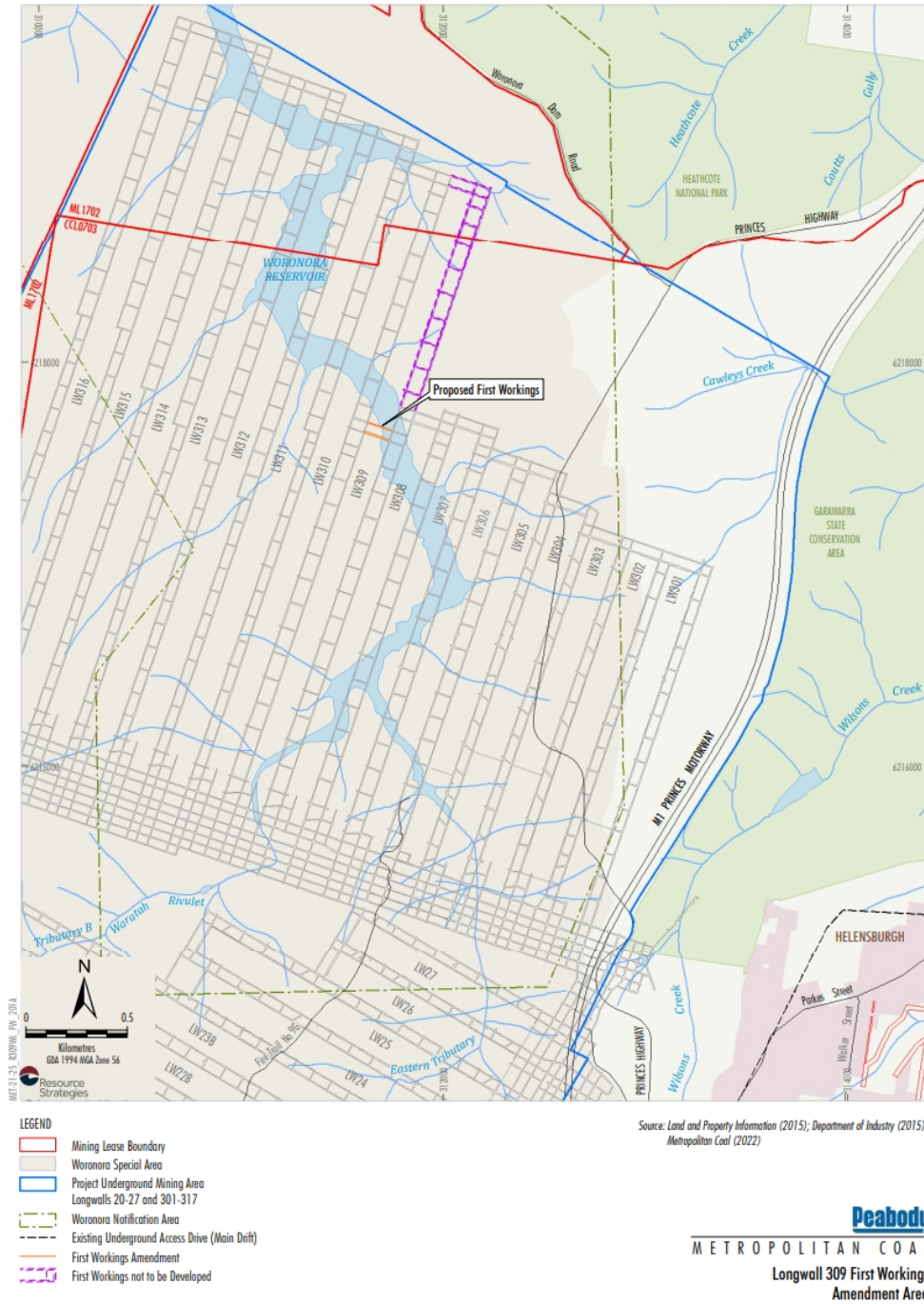


Figure 1