

Mr Stephen Love
Environment & Community Superintendent
Metropolitan Collieries Pty Ltd
PO Box 402
Helensburgh NSW 2508

27/11/2023

Subject: Variation to first workings layout of Longwall 310

Dear Mr Love

I refer to your submission dated 3 November 2023, requesting approval to vary the first workings of Longwall 310 (LW 310), from the length originally approved under the Metropolitan Coal Project Preferred Project Report and Extraction Plan for Longwalls 308 to 310 as shown on **Figure 1** (see attached).

The Department notes that the installation face for Longwall 310 would be established 1029 metres to the south of the approved position due to the occurrence of adverse gas conditions and a geological feature. The 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 new or increased subsidence impacts or environmental consequences.

The Department consulted with the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) and the NSW Resources Regulator (RR). Neither raised concerns.

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 310 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 Layout for Longwall 310

