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**Subject:** Further Variation to Longwall 310

Dear Mr Tucker

I refer to your submission dated 5 December 2023, requesting approval of a further variation to the first workings of Longwall 310. I note that a previous variation, to reduce the length of Longwall 310 by 1,029 metres (m), was approved on 27 November 2023.

I understand that in-seam exploration drilling has encountered further adverse gas and geological conditions requiring an additional reduction of 65 m. Therefore, the first workings of Longwall 310 would be established 1,094 m south of position depicted in the Extraction Plan for Longwalls 308 to 310. I also understand as that the requested variation reduces the secondary extraction area which would reduce subsidence effects compared to the approved Extraction Plan for Longwalls 308 to 310.

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

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

Jessie Evans  
Director, Resource Assessments  
Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary





Figure 1