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Gabrielle Allan
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Department of Planning and Environment
4 Parramatta Square
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**Re: Wongawilli Colliery Infrastructure Relocation
(MP 09_0161 Schedule 2 Condition 15 and Schedule 4 Condition 7A)**

Dear Gabrielle,

Wollongong Coal Limited (WCL) received approval for the Wongawilli Colliery Modification 2 application on 13 April 2022. Schedule 2 Condition 15 of the approval (MP 09_0161) requires that within nine months of the date of approval of Modification 2, or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must relocate the existing crusher, sizer, and screen underground, or remove this infrastructure from the site.

Additionally, Schedule 4 Condition 7A requires the Applicant, within nine months of the date of approval of Modification 2, or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary, to complete the installation, construction or procurement of all reasonable and feasible noise mitigation measures identified in the Environmental Assessment which includes:

- a) augmentation of rail load-out facilities;
- b) noise suppression kits for, or procurement of new, dozer and front-end loader; and
- c) extension of the existing rail noise barrier.

Following the Modification 2 approval, Wongawilli Colliery remains in care and maintenance. Timing for the recommencement of operations at the Wongawilli Colliery are uncertain and unlikely to commence until sometime in 2023, at a date to be determined. Due to the uncertainty in timeframes to recommence operations at the Wongawilli Colliery, WCL have not yet commenced the relocation of the relevant coal handling infrastructure underground or the implementation of identified noise mitigation measures as outlined in the Environmental Assessment. The relocation of infrastructure and installation of noise mitigation measures are unlikely to be achieved within the nine-month period following the Modification 2 approval.

As such, WCL, in accordance with Schedule 2 Condition 15 and Schedule 4 Condition 7A, seeks approval from the Secretary to extend the timeframe for this work to be complete. WCL seeks approval from the Secretary to complete the relocation of relevant coal handling infrastructure underground, or have it removed from site, and the implementation of noise mitigation measures as outlined in the Environmental Assessment, prior to the recommencement of mining operations at Wongawilli Colliery. The delay in the relocation of this infrastructure, and implementation of noise mitigation measures, to align with the recommencement of mining activities, will not result in any additional impacts above those assessed and approved.

Should you have any questions or require any further information regarding this request, please feel free to contact me via email or mobile 0422 295 127.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom McMahon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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