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Dear Mr Wearne

**Myuna Colliery Mining Project (MP 10\_0080)  
Approval of Revised Biodiversity Management Plan**

I refer to your email submission of a revised version of the Myuna Colliery's Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) dated February 2020, as required under condition 28 of Schedule 3 of MP 10\_0080.

The Department notes that the BMP has been updated to incorporate a description of the company's geotechnical survey techniques (including for airborne magnetic surveys, shallow marine surveys, rock head drilling and surface to seam drilling) and management measures, which would be employed around and within the waters of Lake Macquarie.

The Department acknowledges that the changes to the BMP have occurred to align it with the recently approved revision of Myuna Colliery's Water Management Plan.

The revised BMP identifies that surveys will be undertaken during standard work hours and in accordance with all relevant legislation and guidelines. The Department notes that the BMP incorporates measures to minimise and mitigate impacts on marine mammals in accordance with relevant Commonwealth Guidelines and includes protocols to manage and respond to the potential for seismic signals to result in unforeseen disturbance or impacts on aquatic fauna.

The Department acknowledges the commitments included in the revised BMP to monitor and immediately cease shallow marine surveys if survey efforts are identified as being the cause of unforeseen impacts to fauna, and notes that further consultation with DPI Fisheries would occur before any survey efforts recommence.

Therefore, the Secretary has approved the revised BMP to provide appropriate management of survey efforts to be undertaken in February 2020. In approving the revised BMP, the Secretary notes that further consultation with the Department and DPI Fisheries is necessary to review and confirm the ongoing adequacy of the exploration and survey management measures prior to any future survey efforts.

If you require any further information, please contact Colin Phillips on 9274 6483 or at [colin.phillip@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:colin.phillip@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Spratt'.

Matthew Spratt  
**Director Resource Assessments**  
as the Secretary's nominee