

Mr Matt Hollis
Superintendent, Environment
Whitehaven Coal Limited
By NSW Major Projects Portal

22/11/2024

Subject: Appointment of Experts to Prepare Final Void and Mine Closure Plan

Dear Mr Hollis

I refer to your request dated 20 November 2024 for the Planning Secretary's approval of experts to review and verify the Final Void and Mine Closure Plan (plan) for Tarrawonga Coal Mine, as required by condition 65 of development consent MP11_0047.

The Department has reviewed the curriculum vitae of your nominees and considers Dr Merrick and Mr McGarry are suitably qualified and experienced in the relevant fields.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the appointment of Dr Merrick to review and verify the groundwater aspects of the plan, and Mr McGarry to review and verify the surface water and drainage aspects of the plan.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Rose-Anne Hawkeswood at rose-anne.hawkeswood@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary