



Mr John Trotter
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29 May 2020

Dear Mr Trotter

**Watermark Coal Mine (SSD-4975)
Biodiversity Management Plan**

I refer to the Biodiversity Management Plan submitted in accordance with Condition 34 of Schedule 3 of the Development Consent for the Watermark Coal Mine (SSD-4975).

The Department has carefully reviewed the document following consultation with the Biodiversity Conservation Division, the NSW Department of Primary Industries and the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the conditions of consent.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has approved the Biodiversity Management Plan (Revision 5, dated 20 May 2020). Please ensure that the approved plan is placed on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael J'.

Mike Young
Executive Director
Energy, Resources and Compliance
As nominee of the Planning Secretary