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Dear Mr Wearne

**Mandalong Southern Extension Project (SSD-5144)
Extraction Plan LW30-31 variation to LW31**

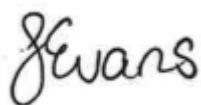
I refer to the letter from Centennial Coal dated 21 September 2021 seeking approval for a variation to the approved Extraction Plan for Longwall 30 and 31 to reduce the length of Longwall 31 by 781 metres. The reduction in longwall length has been sought to manage operational and safety requirements associated with the existence of high strength igneous intrusions within the approved Longwall 31 mining area.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and accompanying subsidence predictions and figures and is satisfied that the reduction in longwall length is necessary and would result in similar or lessened subsidence-related impacts when compared with those already approved.

Accordingly, the Secretary has approved the variation to the Extraction Plan for Longwall 30 and 31 (dated September 2021). 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 James McDonough on (02) 9585 6313.

Yours sincerely



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Director
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As nominee of the Secretary