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Subject: LW 32 Extraction Plan Variation for Mandalong Southern Extension Project (SSD-5144)

Dear Mr Dunwoodie

I refer to the letter from Centennial Coal dated 31 May 2021 seeking approval for a variation to the approved Extraction Plan for Longwall (LW) 32 at Mandalong Mine. I understand that larger than predicted subsidence effects have been observed at an Aboriginal 'rock shelter' heritage site (site 45-3-3514) following extraction within LW 31. The proposed variation would eliminate secondary extraction below and immediately adjacent to the site to protect it from excessive levels of strain. This would involve extracting LW 32 as two separate panels (LW 32A and LW 32B) and creating a 148.5 metre (m) wide barrier pillar in between. The lengths of LW 32A and LW 32B would be 223 m and 508 m respectively.

The Department has carefully reviewed your request, including the accompanying subsidence predictions and is satisfied that the variation is necessary and would result in similar or reduced subsidence-related impacts when compared with those already approved.

I also understand that the proposed risk mitigation strategy in the Heritage Management Plan (HMP) for the LW 32 Extraction Plan has been revised. Heritage NSW has advised, and the Department agrees, that the revised strategy in the updated HMP is acceptable.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the variation to the Extraction Plan for LW 32 (dated 31 May 2021), including the updated HMP (rev. 5, dated 16 May 2022). 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 Jarrod Blane on 02 8275 1831 or at jarrod.blane@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessie Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessie Evans
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary