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Subject: Chain Valley Miniwall S5 and Northern Pillar Area Extraction Plan Amendment #2
(June 2025)

Dear Mr McWha

I refer to your submission dated 8 May 2025, requesting approval for amendment #2 to the approved Extraction Plan for Miniwall S5 and the Northern Pillar Area (NPA) at Chain Valley Colliery.

The Department understands that Extraction Plan amendment #2 seeks to facilitate the utilisation of a double-sided lifting method of pillar extraction within the NPA, specifically in panels HBE1, so as to optimise coal recovery. The location of secondary extraction is unchanged from the updated areas approved in Amendment #1 of the Extraction Plan (dated October 2024). The proposed double-sided lifting would result in slightly greater subsidence (approximately 10 mm extra) than that predicted in Amendment #1, however remains compliant within the development consent (SSD-5145) subsidence limit of 780 mm. All other development consent criteria remain compliant (i.e. seagrass barrier and built-features criteria).

The Department has carefully reviewed your request, including the accompanying subsidence predictions, and is satisfied that the amendment is necessary.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Chain Valley Miniwall S5 and Northern Pillar Area Extraction Plan Amendment #2 (dated 7 May 2025).

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Plan and the conditions of consent, the conditions prevail. Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Melissa Dunlop on 02 8229 2941 or melissa.dunlop@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jessie Evans'.

Jessie Evans
Director, Energy and Resource Assessments
As nominee of the Planning Secretary