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30/04/2026

Subject: Benthic Communities Management Plan

Dear Mr Pigott

I refer to the Benthic Communities Management Plan submitted in accordance with Condition 7(h), Schedule 4 of the consent for the Chain Valley Extension Project (SSD-5465). The Department notes that the Plan has been updated to reflect minor administrative changes and has been submitted independently of any Extraction Plan required under Condition 7 of Schedule 4. Notwithstanding this, the Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions of consent. Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Benthic Communities Management Plan (dated January 2026).

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 James McDonough on 02 9585 6313.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Evans".

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