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Dear Mr Knight

**Rix's Creek South Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300)  
Extension of Time to Make First Voluntary Planning Agreement Payment**

I refer to your letter dated 9 March 2020, requesting an extension of time to make the first Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) payment to Singleton Shire Council (Council) as required under condition A17 and Appendix 8 of consent for the Rix's Creek South Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300).

The Department notes that there is an inconsistency between the requirements of condition A17 and Appendix 8 which prevents Bloomfield from making the first VPA payment within one month of commencement of development under SSD 6300.

I understand that Council are aware of this issue and have agreed to an extension until 31 July 2020. Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 31 July 2020 for the first VPA payment to be paid to Council.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Melanie Hollis on 8217 2043.

Yours sincerely



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as nominee of the Planning Secretary