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Dear Mr Knight

**Rix's Creek South Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300)
Request for Blasting Limit Increase**

I refer to your letter dated 27 July 2020 requesting the Planning Secretary increase the ground vibration limit for the approved Cut and Cover Tunnel (a subcomponent of "Other Public Infrastructure") from 50mm/s to 100 mm/s, in accordance with Table 2 Condition B7 of Schedule 2 of SSD 6300.

The Department has carefully reviewed the documents provided and is satisfied that the detailed structural design prepared by Sinclair Knight Mertz has been designed to ensure the Cut and Cover Tunnel can withstand a ground vibration limit of up to 200 mm/s.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has approved the request to increase the ground vibration limit for the Cut and Cover Tunnel to 100 mm/s.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joe Fittell on the details above.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Sprott
Director
Resource Assessments (Coal & Quarries)
as nominee of the Planning Secretary