

Mr Ian Flood
Manager Project Development & Approvals
Peabody Energy Australia Pty Ltd
Locked Bag 2005
Mudgee NSW 2850

22/11/2021

Dear Mr Flood

**Wilpinjong Coal Mine Extension (SSD-6764)
Temporary cessation of social events**

I refer to your letter dated 16 November 2021 regarding the annual social event required under the Social Impact Management Plan for the above project.

I understand that this event has not proceeded in 2021 as a result of COVID-19 health restrictions and subsequent difficulties organising public gatherings.

The Department accepts the proposed approach to delay the event until 2022, should it be safe to do so.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Gen Lucas on 9274 6489.

Yours sincerely



Stephen O'Donoghue
Director Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Secretary