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Dear Ms Farnon

**United Wambo Open Cut Coal Project (SSD 7142)
Blast Management Plan**

I refer to your recent correspondence submitting a revised copy of the Phase 1A and 1B Blast Management Plan for the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Project, prepared in accordance with condition B21 of the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine development consent (SSD 7142).

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it adequately addresses the requirements of SSD 7142. Further the Department notes that Glencore has consulted with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) previously and that the EPA had at that time clarified that it would not comment on management plans for the site. The Department understands that this is a policy position of the EPA and notes that the EPA will reaffirm this advice to Glencore in the near future.

Accordingly, the Secretary has approved the Blast Management Plan (Revision 1, dated March 2020). I note that this management plan must be revised and resubmitted to the Department for approval prior to commencing Phase 2 of operations, or at any other time should the EPA request further revisions.

Please ensure that the approved plan is placed on the project website at the earliest convenience.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Sprott'.

Matthew Sprott
Director
Resource Assessments (Coal & Quarries)

as nominee of the Planning Secretary