

Ms Aislinn Farnon
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23/12/2020

Dear Ms Farnon

**United Wambo Open Cut Mine (SSD 7142)
Extension to Surrender the United Underground Coal Mine Development Consent**

I refer to your request letter dated 10 December 2020 requesting an extension to surrender the United Wambo Underground Coal Mine development consent (DA 410-11-2002-i), as required by condition A16 of Schedule 2 of the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Project consent (SSD 7142).

I note that the development consent for United Underground Coal Mine must be surrendered within 12 months of the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Project commencing under its development consent. I understand that as the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Project development consent commenced on 6 January 2020, surrender of DA 410-11-2002-i is required by 6 January 2021.

However, I am aware that a final Independent Environment Audit (IEA) is being completed for DA 410-11-2002-i and is due to be submitted to the Department by 25 February 2021. To allow time for the Department to review the findings of the IEA and ensure all remaining requirements of DA 410-11-2002-i are finalised, the Department considers your request for an extension to be reasonable.

In this case, the Planning Secretary agrees to grant an extension to surrender DA 410-11-2002-i until 30 June 2021. The Planning Secretary requests that Glencore provides the Department with a written commitment that no further development will take place under DA 410-11-2002-i.

Please provide this written commitment to the Department no later than **Friday 22 January 2021**.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Sarah Clibborn on 8837 6095 or via email at sarah.clibborn@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Sprott
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as nominee of the Planning Secretary