

Mr Gary Wills
Operations Manager
United Wambo Joint Venture
Singleton, NSW, 2330

30/11/2020

Dear Mr Wills

**United Wambo Open Cut Coal (SSD 7142)
Hunter Valley Gliding Club Agreement Extension Request**

I refer to your letter dated 26 November 2020, requesting an extension of time to finalise an agreement with the Hunter Valley Gliding Club Co-operative Limited (Gliding Club) prior to commencing Phase 2 of the operations, required by condition B89 of the United Wambo Open Cut Coal (SSD 7142).

I understand that the purpose of the agreement with the Gliding Club is to ensure that the visual, dust, blasting and noise impacts and air safety risks from the operation during Phase 2 are minimised. I also understand that Phase 2 would likely result in a small increase in noise and blasting impacts.

I note that an agreement with the Gliding Club has generally been reached in relation to the timing of compensation, power line markers, a water tank cleaning program, blast notifications and noise mitigation work, but that refining legal elements of the agreement are still under discussion.

Therefore the Department considers there would be limited impacts to the Gliding Club for the duration of the requested extension. Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has granted an extension of time until 31 January 2021 to finalise the agreement with the Gliding Club.

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

Yours sincerely



Matthew Sprott
Director
Resource Assessments (Coal & Quarries)

as nominee of the Planning Secretary