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Dear Mr Lane

**Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project (SSD 8642)
Endorsement of Expert**

I refer to your request for the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified persons to prepare the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Mangoola Continued Operations Project as required under condition B68 of SSD 8642.

The Department has reviewed the nomination and information you have provided and is satisfied that Mr Ben Churcher is suitably qualified and experienced.

Consequently, I can advise that the Planning Secretary approves the appointment of Mr Churcher as a suitably qualified expert for the purpose of preparing the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

Further to the above, the Department confirms that this endorsement extends to future reviews of the respective management plans. Noting that minor revisions which do not influence agreed management strategies (e.g. administrative changes) may be completed without input from the above expert.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joe Fittell on 4908 6896.

Yours sincerely

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

Matthew Spratt
Director
Resource Assessments (Coal & Quarries)

As nominee of the Planning Secretary