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Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Blast Management Plan (conditions 23 – 25 of Schedule 2, Part B of SSD 8642)

Dear Mr Palmer

I refer to your submission dated 29 July 2022, requesting approval of the Blast Management Plan (version 20, July 2022). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information. The Department has reviewed the Blast Management Plan and confirms it contains the information required by the relevant conditions of consent.

I note the Blast Management Plan refers to the approved Road Closure Plan for Wybong Road that relates to the project as approved under PA 06_0014, and that the Road Closure Plan required under SSD 8642 is currently with Muswellbrook Council for review and approval. It is understood that no blasting requiring closure of Wybong PO Road or Ridgelands Road will be carried out until the Road Closure Plan for SSD 8642 is approved.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Blast Management Plan (version 20, July 2022), and request that the Blast Management Plan be updated when the new Road Closure Plan is approved by Muswellbrook Council.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the approved document and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience. If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Sarah Clibborn on 8837 6095 or via email at <u>sarah.clibborn@planning.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

Stephen O'Donoghue Director Resource Assessments as nominee of the Planning Secretary