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Dear Mr Sprott

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 Dec 2012 concerning the review of the Agricultural Impact Statement for the proposed Wambo Mine Modification No. 13.

The Office of Agricultural Sustainability & Food Security (O AS&FS) has reviewed the AIS provided by McKenzie Soil Management Pty Ltd (2012).

The Agriculture Impact Statement (AIS) has adequately discussed the quality of the soils and potential impacts from subsidence for agriculture. The Office recommends that:

- the suggested mine subsidence strategies (AIS pages 25-26) should be included in the consent conditions to enable continued agricultural use of the land above the long wall mining; and
- DP&I should seek advice from the Office of Water whether the predicted loss of 0.3 ML/day of water from Wollombi Brook (groundwater assessment page 44) would impact on irrigation/stock water for downstream agriculture. The AIS does not provide any advice on this.

If you wish to discuss the issue further please call Liz Rogers on telephone 02 63913642 or by email liz.rogers@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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