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Dear Mr Sprott

**WAMBO COAL MINE – NORTH WAMBO UNDERGROUND MINE MODIFICATION 14 –  
LONGWALL 10A**

I refer to the Environmental Assessment (EA) exhibited on the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure website in relation to the Wambo Mine - Modification 14 – Additional Longwall 10A.

The Wambo Coal Mine is located approximately 15 kilometres west of Singleton, near the village of Warkworth. The development is a modification to the current Development Consent (DA 305-7-2003) and involves an additional longwall panel in the existing North Wambo Underground Mine.

The EA has been reviewed by Hunter New England Population Health with particular attention paid to management of air quality, noise, water and other issues that may impact on public health. Due to the modification having no changes to the life of the mine, production rates, open cut operations, coal handling and transport operations, and surface infrastructure, Hunter New England Local Health District is satisfied with existing approval conditions.

Should you require any additional information in relation to the above, please telephone Ms Carolyn Herlihy, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



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