



## Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Sprott

Thank you for your letter of 3 October 2014 concerning the review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Wambo Coal Mine Modification 14.

The Office of Agricultural Sustainability & Food Security (O AS&FS) has reviewed the EA provided by Peabody Energy. The EA indicates existing management plans that provide measures for monitoring and remediation of potential impacts on agricultural activities in the vicinity of the proposed modification, including a Land Management Plan, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, and Surface and Groundwater Response Plan. Continued commitment to the implementation of these measures is considered necessary for the protection of agricultural resources in the area.

The O AS&FS forwards this advice directly to the Department of Planning & Environment, in accordance with agreed arrangements for mining applications that affect agricultural land. It includes comments provided by officers in Agriculture NSW and NSW Trade & Investment. Additional advice from the other divisions within the Department of Primary Industries may be forwarded by separate letter.

If you wish to discuss the issue further please call Rob Williamson on telephone 02 6391 3166 or by email [robert.williamson@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robert.williamson@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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