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Dear Ms Dobbins

**Wambo Coal Mine (DA 305-7-2003)  
Approval of Experts**

I refer to your correspondence of 23 April, requesting the Secretary's approval of suitably qualified persons to prepare the following environmental management plans for the Wambo Coal Mine (DA 305-7-2003):

- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan, required by condition B46; and
- Groundwater Management Plan required by condition B66(v).

The Department has reviewed the nominations and information you have provided and is satisfied that the following experts are suitably qualified and experienced:

- Shane Lakmaker (Jacobs) – Air Quality; and
- Claire Stephenson (SLR Consulting) – Groundwater.

I note that the Department recently approved the following experts to prepare the Wambo Extraction Plan for Longwalls 21 – 22:

- Dr Noel Merrick, (SLR Consulting) – Groundwater;
- Mr Rohan Lucas, (Alluvium) – Surface water;
- Mr Peter Kuskie, (South East Archaeology) – Aboriginal Cultural heritage; and
- Mr Martin Sullivan, (Eco Logical Australia) – Biodiversity.

The Department is satisfied that these experts are also suitably qualified and experienced to assist in the preparation of site environmental management plans in their field of expertise.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Melanie Hollis on 8217 2043.

Yours sincerely

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

Matthew Sprott  
Director  
Resource Assessments (Coal & Quarries)  
as nominee of the Secretary