



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Freeman

**For NRE Wongawilli Colliery Nebo Area Project
(Application No: 09_0161 MOD 1)
Request for Comment on the Proposed Modification**

I refer to your email dated 19 June 2015 to the Department of Primary Industries in respect of the above matter.

Comment by DPI Water

I refer to your email request dated 19th June 2015 to the NSW Office of Water regarding the abovementioned modification application.

The NSW Office of Water has reviewed the report by Wollongong Coal Ltd dated 19 May 2015 supporting the modification application. The proposed modification seeks to extend the approved duration of mining operations at the Wongawilli Colliery Nebo Area Project from 31 December 2015 to 31 December 2020. No other aspects of the project approval are proposed to be modified.

The mining operation includes a component of groundwater dewatering which is authorised under the Water Management Act 2000 by the NSW Office of Water under Works Approval 10WA118768 and with an annual extraction entitlement of 1,650ML authorised under Water Access Licence 36487.

The NSW Office of Water advises that it has no objection to the modification proposal as presented so long as the operation continues to operate in accordance with abovementioned Water Management Act approvals and their associated conditions.

However, the Office of Water notes that the proponent has relied on the water entitlement at the Wongawilli site as evidence of ability to account for water take at its Russell Vale Colliery, and the proponent should ensure that it has sufficient entitlement in place for both projects to operate.

For further information please contact David Zerafa on (02) 4428 9142 or at david.zerafa@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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