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Dear Mr Clarkson

**Russell Vale Colliery
Preliminary Works Project (MP 10_0046)
Longwall 6 (365m) Extraction Plan Approval**

I refer to the Extraction Plan (EP) dated 6 February 2015 for Longwall 6 (365m), which was prepared in accordance with Schedule 3, condition 7 of Wollongong Coal's (WC's) Project Approval (MP 10_0046) for the Russell Vale Preliminary Works Project.

The Department has reviewed the EP, including the following updated components of the plan, and considers them to be adequate:

- EP Main Report;
- Groundwater Management Plan (Appendix C);
- Stream Management Plan (Appendix D);
- Biodiversity Management Plan (Appendix E);
- Upland Swamp Management Plan (Appendix F); and
- Heritage Management Plan (Appendix G).

The Department notes NSW Trade & Investment's Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) endorsement (dated 30 January 2015) of the following components of the plan:

- Subsidence Monitoring Program (Appendix B);
- Built Features Management Plan (RMS) (Appendix H);
- Electricity Transmission Lines Management Plan (Appendix I);
- Public Safety Management Plan (Appendix J);
- Coal Resource Management Plan (Appendix L); and
- Spontaneous Combustion Management Plan (Appendix M).

The Department also notes the endorsements of the Built Features Management Plan (RMS) and the Electricity Transmission Lines Management Plan by the respective infrastructure owners.

Accordingly, the Secretary's nominee approves the EP. This approval is limited to the first 365 metres of Longwall 6.

If you have any questions in relation to these matters, please contact Sara Wilson on 0414 997 714.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard Reed". The script is cursive and fluid.

Howard Reed 16-2-15
Manager, Mining Projects
as nominee of the Secretary