

Development Assessment Systems and Approvals Mining Projects

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Mr Troy Favell Environment and Community Manager Wambo Coal Pty Limited PMB 1 SINGLETON NSW 2330

Dear Mr Favell

## North Wambo Underground Mine Longwalls 9 & 10

I refer to your letter dated 18 December 2013, describing proposed extensions to longwalls 9 and 10 at the North Wambo Underground Mine, and asking whether these changes can be considered to be "generally in accordance" with the consent for the mine (DA 305-7-2003).

The Department has reviewed the information you have provided, noting that:

- the proposed extensions are of a minor nature;
- the proposed extensions are wholly within the approved mining footprint;
- the resulting impacts are unlikely to change over those approved under the consent; and
- the changes would be appropriately addressed in the revised LW 7-10 Extraction Plan.

On this basis, the Department accepts that the proposed changes to longwalls 9 and 10 are generally in accordance with DA 305-7-2003.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Paul Freeman.

Yours sincerely

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Howard Reed (3-1-14) Manager, Mining Projects As the Director-General's nominee