



Mr Peter Jaeger
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Dear Mr Jaeger

**South Bates Underground Mine
Extraction Plan Longwalls 17 – 20 (Revised Layout)**

I refer to your correspondence of 1 March 2019 submitting a revised Extraction Plan (dated February 2019) and associated revised sub-plans for Longwalls 17 to 20 at the South Bates Underground Mine, submitted in accordance with conditions 22C and 22D of Schedule 4 of the Wambo Coal Mine development consent (DA 305-7-2003).

The Department has reviewed the revised Extraction Plan and its sub-plans as relevant to Longwalls 17 to 20 and consulted with a number of other relevant agencies regarding their content. The Department notes that the Extraction Plan seeks approval for a slightly modified layout of Longwalls 17 to 20 compared to the layout presented in the *South Bates Extension Modification Environmental Assessment* (EA), dated March 2017 for Modification 17. The Department is satisfied that the revised layout would result in similar or less subsidence related impacts to those approved as part of the EA layout, and can be characterised as being “generally in accordance with” the EA.

The Department also acknowledges that its Division of Resources & Geoscience has confirmed its satisfaction with the sub-plans submitted in accordance with condition 22C(g) of the consent.

Accordingly, I wish to advise that the Secretary approves the revised Extraction Plan for Longwalls 17 to 20, under conditions 22C and 22D of Schedule 4.

Prior to submitting a copy of the final Extraction Plan to the Department and uploading it to the Wambo Coal website, please update the plan to address the minor comments provided in **Attachment A**.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Melanie Hollis at the details listed above.

Yours sincerely

Howard Reed 4.6.19
Director Resource Assessments
as the Secretary's nominee