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Dear Mr <sup>Gary</sup> Brassington

**Bulli Seam Operations Project (MP 08\_0150)  
Extraction Plan Approval  
West Cliff Area 5 Longwalls 37 and 38**

I refer to the revised Extraction Plan dated March 2014 (Revision B, final version, as received 19 March 2014) for two longwall mining panels within West Cliff Area 5 (LW 37 and 38), submitted in accordance with condition 5 of Schedule 3 of the project approval for the Bulli Seam Operations Project (MP 08\_0150).

The final version of the Extraction Plan reflects a number of revisions sought by Planning and Infrastructure (P&I) during February and March 2014.

The final version of the Extraction Plan meets the requirements of the project approval and has been prepared to the satisfaction of the Director-General. Consequently, P&I approves the final version of the plan.

I note that the Extraction Plan contains commitments regarding potential grouting remediation of the bedrock base of a pool or controlling rockbar, which would be discussed and agreed between key affected agencies before being undertaken. I would like to emphasise the importance of such consultation, and that P&I's view is that the terms of the Extraction Plan do not permit such grouting to take place without P&I's agreement.

Should you have any enquiries in this matter, please contact Sara Wilson on 9228 6583.

Yours sincerely

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as nominee of the Director-General