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MAULES CREEK COAL MINE BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN ADDENDUM

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6.17.1.1 Back Creek Vegetation Monitoring

Consistent with the above monitoring methods in Section 6.17.1; MCC will monitor the health of the vegetation within Back Creek at existing replicated monitoring sites upstream (Site VS13) and downstream (Site VS14) of areas affected by water management at the MCCM (under agreement with Natural Resources Access Regulator RAR] dated 2021) (Figure 14a). As per Table 6-14, three monitoring plots are established at each site.

The trigger points/thresholds and contingency measures associated with these monitoring locations are presented in Tables 6-10 and 6-22 respectively.

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24/08/2022

Subject: Biodiversity Management Plan for Maules Creek Coal Mine (10_0138)

Dear Mr Dwyer

I refer to the Biodiversity Management Plan Addendum (the Addendum), which was submitted to satisfy Condition 52 of Schedule 3 of the project approval for the Maules Creek Coal Mine (10_0138) and the water management and vegetation health monitoring recommendations provided by the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR), under the enforceable undertaking agreement dated 12 August 2021.

The Department notes that the amendments in the Addendum are minor and that the NRAR enforceable undertaking does not require further consultation. Further, revisions to the Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) will be required following the assessment of the proposed Modification 9 application (10_0138 – MOD 9), at which time the Addendum and any relevant agency consultation would be incorporated into the BMP. In accordance with Condition 16 of Schedule 2 of 10_0138, the Secretary has agreed with the consultation approach.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it addresses the applicable requirements of 10_0138 and the commitments to NRAR regarding vegetation health monitoring at the mine.

Accordingly, the Secretary has approved the Addendum (Revision 2, dated June 2022). Please ensure you make the document and this approval letter publicly available on the project website.

Please ensure that the approved Addendum is placed on the project website.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Philip Nevill on 8275 1036.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary