

Mr Andrew Wright  
Group Superintendent – Biodiversity  
Whitehaven Coal Limited  
By: Major Projects Portal  
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**Subject: Glossy Black Cockatoo Credit Reduction**

Dear Mr Wright

I refer to your letter dated 9 December 2024, requesting a reduction to the number of credits that must be retired under the development consent for the Narrabri Underground Stage 3 project (SSD-10269) for the glossy black cockatoo.

Condition B40 allows the credit liability for the species to be reduced subject to further surveys. I note you have undertaken these surveys and calculated that the total credits required for the species should be 1,883, (1,187 credits associated with Phase 5 clearing for the project and 696 credits associated with Phase 6 clearing for the project).

The Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Group within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has advised it agrees with the recalculation of credits and has been done in accordance with the agreed approach for credit revision.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the credit reduction for the glossy black cockatoo. You must ensure:

- 1,187 credits are retired prior to clearing phase 5 of the project; and
- 696 credits are retired prior to clearing phase 6 of the project.

Please ensure you make this document publicly available on the project website at your earliest convenience. If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Rose-Anne Hawkeswood on 9274 6324

Yours sincerely



**Stephen O'Donoghue**  
**Director**  
**Resource Assessments**  
As nominee of the Planning Secretary