

Phillip Brown
Environment & Community Relations Superintendent
Ashton Coal Operations Pty Ltd
Via Major Projects Portal

18 July 2025

Subject: Ashton Ravensworth Underground Mine – Approval of Extraction Plan for Longwalls 403 to 406

Dear Mr. Brown,

I refer to the Ashton Ravensworth Underground Mine Extraction Plan for Longwalls 403 to 406 (*Ashton Coal Mine RUM Longwalls 403 to 406 Extraction Plan* - Revision 1, dated April 2025), which has been prepared in accordance with Schedule 3, Condition 32 of DA 309-11-2001-i and Schedule 3, Condition 6 of DA 104/96.

The Department has carefully reviewed the extraction plan (including its various sub-plans) and is satisfied that it addresses the relevant requirements of the development consent. The Department notes that revisions have been made to the Water Management Plan, Subsidence Monitoring Plan, and Built Features Management Plan during the development of the Extraction Plan. The Department has reviewed the revised management plans and is satisfied that they meet the relevant conditions of DA 309-11-2001-i and DA 104/96.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has approved the:

- Ashton Coal Mine RUM Longwalls 403 to 406 Extraction Plan (Revision 1, dated April 2025);
- Water Management Plan (Revision 14, dated May 2025);
- Land Management Plan Addendum (Revision 2, dated April 2025);
- Biodiversity Management Plan (Revision K, dated April 2025);
- Heritage Management Plan (Revision F, dated April 2025);
- Built Features Management Plan (including Asset Management Plans) (Revision 3, dated July 2025);
- Public Safety Management Plan (Revision 2, dated April 2025);
- Coal Resource Recovery Plan (Revision 2, dated April 2025); and
- Subsidence Monitoring Program (Revision 2, dated July 2025).

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Extraction Plan and the conditions of consent, the conditions prevail. Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Kiera Plumridge at kiera.plumridge@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S O'Donoghue', written in a cursive style.

Stephen O'Donoghue

Director Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary