Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Subject: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine – Approval of amended Extraction Plan for Woodlands Hill Longwalls 1 to 4

I refer to the amended Extraction Plan for the Woodlands Hill Longwalls 1 to 4, which has been prepared in accordance with condition C8 of Schedule 2 of SSD 9526 for the Maxwell Underground Mine.

On 26 September 2025 the Department approved an Extraction Plan for Woodlands Hill Longwalls 1 to 4 (original Extraction Plan).

The Department notes that the amended Extraction Plan has been prepared following additional mine planning and geotechnical review to optimise resource recovery and improve mine economics.

The Department notes that the Water Management Plan (which applies to the whole development) has also been updated to include the transfer of tailings and coarse rejects from Mt Arthur Coal (including the transfer of return water).

The Department has carefully reviewed the amended Extraction Plan (including its sub-plans) and is satisfied it addresses the relevant requirements of the development consent SSD 9526.

The Department considers residual matters related to groundwater modelling and stream health can be addressed prior to secondary extraction of Woodlands Hill Longwall 3 and 4 (WHLW3 and WHLW4) through conditions of approval.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary approves the Extraction Plan and management plan documents listed in **Table 1** below subject to the conditions in **Table 2**.

Table 1 | Approved Extraction Plan Documents

Document Name	Document No./Version/Date
Maxwell Underground Mine – Amended Woodlands Hill Longwalls 1 to 4 Extraction Plan	Document No.: MXC_MP_EC_27 Dated: May 2026
Water Management Plan	Document No.: MXC_MP_EC_08 Version: 7.2 Dated: September 2026
Land Management Plan	Document No.: MXC_MP_EC_29 Version: 3 Dated: May 2026
Biodiversity Management Plan	Document No.: MXC_MP_EC_09 Version: 7.1

Document Name	Document No./Version/Date
	Dated: July 2026
Heritage Management Plan	Document No.: MXC_MP_EC_03 Version: 4 Dated: May 2026
Built Features Management Plan	Document No.: MXC_MP_EC_31 Version: 3 Dated: May 2026
Public Safety Management Plan	Document No.: MXC_MP_EC_28 Version: 3 Dated: May 2026
Subsidence Monitoring Program	Document No.: MXC_MP_EC_32 Version: 3 Dated: May 2026
Coal Resource Recovery Plan	Document No.: MXC_MP_EC_33 Version: 3 Dated: May 2026

Table 2 | Conditions of approval

Condition number	Condition
1	Prior to the extraction of WHLW3 the Applicant must update the groundwater model for the amended WHLW3 and WHLW4 panel widths and demonstrate the predictions of the updated model are generally consistent with the conclusions in *Maxwell Underground Mine, Revision of Woodlands Hill Seam Extraction Layout* (HydroAlgorithmics, April 2025).
2	Prior to the extraction of WHLW3, the Applicant must update the channel stability and stream health monitoring program and the Channel Stability and Riparian Ecosystem Health Trigger Action Response Plan in the Water Management Plan to identify existing and high-risk areas of bed degradation and channel erosion, and identify remediation measures to address impacts from secondary extraction.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the approved plans listed above and the conditions of consent, the conditions prevail. Please ensure that you make the documents publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387.

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary