

Ms Zina Ainsworth Environment and Community Manager Tahmoor Coal

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Dear Ms Ainsworth

Tahmoor North Underground Extension (DA67/98) Rockbar SR17 Geological Assessment

I refer to the Rockbar SR17 Geological Assessment which was submitted in accordance with condition 5 of the Extraction Plan approval for Longwalls W3-W4.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and notes that the geological assessment did not identify any geological features susceptible to damage from the subsidence related movements expected as a result of mining longwall W3.

The Department notes that the Tahmoor Coal Technical Committee has reviewed the geological assessment and recommended that no changes be made to the Stonequarry Creek Rockbar Management Plan (Rev 7) or trigger action response plan (TARP) on the basis that:

- existing TARP controls are tight and commensurate with the high cultural values of the site; and
- the scope, accuracy and frequency of monitoring is appropriate.

The Department notes that this recommendation is supported by the independent expert on the Technical Committee. Accordingly, the Secretary is satisfied that the requirements of condition 5 and 6 of the Extraction Plan approval for Longwalls W3-W4 have been met.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Gabrielle Allan on 02 9585 6078.

Yours sincerely

Stephen O'Donoghue Director Resource Assessments <u>As nominee of the Secretary</u>