

Mr Cody Brady  
Principal Approvals  
Illawarra Metallurgical Coal  
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**Subject:** Appin Mine Longwalls (LW) 709-711 & 905 Extraction Plan (EP) Conditional Approval – Variation 1

Dear Brady

I refer to your submission dated 10 February 2023, requesting approval of a variation to the Appin Mine's LW709-711 & LW905 EP Conditional Approval granted on 29 July 2022. I also acknowledge your responses to advice from the NSW Resources Regulator dated 13 March 2023.

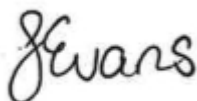
I understand the variation request proposes to reduce the lengths of the approved LW710A and LW711 in Area 7 by 242 m and 225 m, respectively, on the western (commencing) ends of these longwalls to avoid a prominent dyke which intersects the longwalls. The proposed shortening of the longwalls would also require the associated Razorback Mains headings to be moved further to the east to also avoid the dyke.

The Department is satisfied that the revisions to the longwall layout approved in the LW709-711 & LW905 EP Conditional Approval would result in similar or less subsidence effects, impacts and environmental consequences to those previously approved.

Accordingly, as the nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Variation 1 request to the LW709-711 & LW 905 EP Conditional Approval.

Please ensure you make all documents publicly available on the company website as soon as possible. If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Nagindar Singh on 82896873 or via email ([nagindar.singh@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nagindar.singh@planning.nsw.gov.au)).

Yours sincerely



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*As nominee of the Planning Secretary*