

OUT13/18648 File No: 13/79

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Dear Tony

## Abel Mine - Approval of Subsidence Management Plan

With reference to your application dated 12 March 2013, I have approved the Abel Mine Subsidence Management Plan for Area 3 as the delegate of the Director General, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services NSW (delegation dated 17 November 2010), under the attached instrument, reference OUT13/18712.

The conditions of approval and Approved Plan showing the extent of the approval are attached. The Approved Plan is DWG No. a6a1040.dwg titled "Abel Mine SMP Application – Area 3 Approved Plan", signed by the Manager of Mining Engineering on 15 March 2013.

It should be noted that this Approval does not constitute an approval under the previous Section 138 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act 1982 or current Clause 88 of the Coal Mines Health and Safety Regulation 2006. Operators must comply with the requirements of Section 138 or Clause 88 before extracting any pillars from the first workings or longwall or other extraction systems.

If you have any further inquiries do not hesitate to contact Mr Paul Langley, Subsidence Executive Officer on 02 4931 6448.

Yours sincerely

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