

**IN THE MATTER OF
The Hazelwood Coal Mine Fire Inquiry**

FURTHER STATEMENT OF KYLIE ANNE WHITE

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Attention: Peter Stewart

I, Kylie White, of level 9, 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Executive Director of the Earth Resources Regulation Branch of the Department of State Development, Business and Innovation (**DSDBI**), can say as follows:

Assessment of rehabilitation bond liability

1. Since my witness statement dated 22 May 2014 officers from DSDBI have carried out further researches on the process for assessing the liability for the rehabilitation bond lodged on 1 October 1996.
2. On 10 July 1995 Ken Gardner, General Manager Resources Operations at the then Department of Agriculture, Energy and Minerals (**DAEM**) asked Ian Derham, General Manager Mining Operations for Hazelwood Power Corporation (**HPC**) for the following information:

(i) An estimate of rehabilitation costs for ongoing progressive rehabilitation and final rehabilitation at present day values. The estimate should show how the costs were estimated, assumptions that were made and include a detailed break down for areas and types of work.

(ii) An estimate of current rehabilitation liabilities.

As these matters are not yet resolved we propose to set the rehabilitation bond for the Morwell mine at \$15 million. This should be regarded as an interim figure until such time as we have assessed whatever additional information you are able to provide on the above matters.

Now produced and shown to me and marked 'KAW-47' [\[DSDBI.0007.002.0001\]](#) is a true copy of DAEM's letter to HPC dated 10 July 1995.

3. On 9 August 1995 and 10 October 1995 HPC responded to the request. DSDBI has not been able to locate a copy of the document dated 9 August 1995. It has, however,

located a copy of the letter dated 10 October 1995. Under cover of that document HPC supplied copies of working papers to DAEM estimating the costs of rehabilitating land disturbed by mining at Hazelwood mine.

Now produced and shown to me and marked 'KAW-48' [\[DSDBI.0007.002.0002\]](#) is a true copy of HPC's letter to DAEM dated 10 October 1995 with enclosed working papers.

4. On 5 November 1995 Mr Gardner of DAEM prepared a briefing for the then Acting Director, Resources Director at DAEM. The briefing recommended that DAEM 'maintain the present nominated bond level of \$15million to cover the end of life costs at the site'.

Now produced and shown to me and marked 'KAW-49' [\[DSDBI.0007.002.0015\]](#) is a true copy of the briefing entitled 'Bond for Hazelwood Mine' and dated 4 December 1995.

Copy of licence issued on 10 May 1996

5. It has been brought to my attention that the document exhibited to my witness statement dated 22 May 2014 at [\[DSDBI.0001.001.0001\]](#) was incorrect.
6. I now exhibit a copy of the licence issued on 10 May 1996.

Now produced and shown to me and marked 'KAW-50' is a true copy of MIN5004 [\[DSDBI.0007.001.0529\]](#)

7. Eight documents exhibited to my witness statement dated 22 May 2014 were blurred, faint or otherwise unclear when entered onto Ringtail. They are:
 - a. [\[DSDBI.0001.001.0001\]](#);
 - b. [\[DSDBI.0003.001.0089\]](#);
 - c. [\[DSDBI.0001.001.0015\]](#);
 - d. [\[DSDBI.0006.002.0027\]](#);
 - e. [\[DSDBI.0006.001.0052\]](#);

- f. [\[DSDBI.0006.001.0507\]](#);
 - g. [\[DSDBI.0006.001.0511\]](#); and
 - h. [\[DSDBI.0001.001.0015\]](#).
8. It is appropriate that the Board have access to clear copies of the documents exhibited to my witness statement.
9. Accordingly, I now exhibit replacement copies of the documents listed above.

Now produced and shown to me and marked ‘KAW-51’ to ‘KAW-58’ are a true copy of the documents listed below:

Original Ringtail marker	Replacement Ringtail marker
[DSDBI.0001.001.0001]	[DSDBI.0007.001.0001]
[DSDBI.0003.001.0089]	[DSDBI.0007.001.0011]
[DSDBI.0001.001.0015]	[DSDBI.0007.001.0334]
[DSDBI.0006.002.0027]	[DSDBI.0007.001.0430]
[DSDBI.0006.001.0052]	[DSDBI.0007.001.0448]
[DSDBI.0006.001.0507]	[DSDBI.0007.001.0508]
[DSDBI.0006.001.0511]	[DSDBI.0007.001.0512]
[DSDBI.0001.001.0015]	[DSDBI.0007.001.0516] (figures only)

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Kylie Anne White