



Department of Primary Industries

Our Ref: PEP 168 (Ayrford B-1)
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Dear Mr Wakelin-King,

CONSENT TO PLUG AND ABANDON THE AYRFORD B-1 WELL IN PERMIT 168

I refer to your email dated 18 April 2008 requesting consent to plug and abandon the Ayrford B-1 well in permit PEP 168 and subsequent email dated 18 April 2008 from my officer to you granting verbal approval to commence the plug and abandonment operations.

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 23 of the *Victorian Petroleum Regulations 2000*, I, as the Minister's delegate, hereby confirm the verbal consent to plug and abandon the Ayrford B-1 exploration well as per the programme contained in your above mentioned email.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please contact David Wong on (03) 9658 4415.

Yours sincerely

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c.c **WorkSafe Victoria** (Pieter Rienks, Director Hazard Management Division)

