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Cowal Gold Operations
Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited

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Dear Mr. Coates

**Cowal Gold Mine (DA14/98 & SSD 10367)
Water Management Plan**

I refer to the Water Management Plan submitted in accordance with Condition 4.4 of Schedule 2 of the Development Consent for the Cowal Gold Mine (DA14/98).

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions of consent. This Water Management Plan has been revised to include construction activities of surface infrastructure associated with the Cowal Gold Underground Mine SSD 10367.

The Department notes the Water Management Plan commits to preparing a scope of works within a month to install the additional two nested monitoring bores so that a reliable baseline data can be collected for a period prior to the commencement of any underground activities.

Accordingly, the Secretary has conditionally approved the Water Management Plan (Revision WMPMAR2022X, dated March 2022) for construction activities of surface infrastructure associated with the Cowal Gold Underground Mine. This scope of works should be prepared in consultation with DPE Water and the independent groundwater expert and include a risk assessment. A revised Water Management Plan, including details agreed with DPE Water, must be submitted to the Department by 20 May 2022.

Please ensure that the approved plan is placed on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on (02) 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
As nominee of the Secretary