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Dear Rose-Anne

**Tritton Copper Mine (DA 41/98) – Modification 6
Review of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your email dated 7 September 2018 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the Tritton Copper Mine – Modification 6 (the Project or Modification).

The relevant units internal to the Division have been consulted where required in generating this advice. Further, the Department of Planning and Environment - Planning Services Division and the Proponent should be aware that matters pertaining to rehabilitation, final landform, environmental impacts of subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator and safety are assumed and assessed by the Resources Regulator.

The Division has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) in relation to the abovementioned Project and acknowledges that there are no changes proposed to the approved mining methods, ore processing methods, extraction rate, mine life, titles status or mineral resources/ore reserves.

The Modification only relates to the Tailings Storage Facility at Tritton Copper Mine (and covers only the extraction and export of the tailings material) in an area that has already been disturbed by mining activities.

As no additional land disturbance is proposed there are no additional biodiversity mitigation measures (including offsets) being considered.

The Division notes the intent to utilise the tailings in the Paste Fill Plant at the Murrawombie Copper Mine is to increase the geotechnical stability of the underground workings which would facilitate more effective recovery of the ore reserve at that operation.

Accordingly, the Division has no resource recovery/utilisation or resource sterilisation issues in relation to the Project, and no recommended conditions of consent.

For further enquiries regarding this matter please contact Mr Adam W. Banister, Senior Advisor Assessment Coordination on (02) 4063 6601 or assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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24 September 2018

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