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Dear Mr Freeman

**Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development (SSD-10367) and
Cowal Gold Mine – Modification 16 (DA14/98 - Mod 16)
Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the development application for the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development and modification report for the Cowal Gold Mine – Modification 16 ended on 22 November 2020.

All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposals are available on the Department's website at:

- Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/21361>
- Cowal Gold Mine - Modification 16:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/25011>

Advice from the Department's Water Group (DPIE Water), Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration and Geosciences (MEG) and Resources Regulator is yet to be received. Advice from the Department's groundwater expert, Mr Hugh Middlemis from HydroGeoLogical, is also yet to be finalised. This advice will be provided to you as soon as possible.

The Department requests that you provide a Submissions Report which responds to the issues raised in agency advice and submissions, in accordance with clause 82(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. Please provide a response to the issues raised in these submissions by 26 February 2020.

Note that under clause 113(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, the days occurring between the date of this letter and the date on which your response to submissions is received by the Secretary are not included in the deemed refusal period.

If you have any questions, please contact Philip Nevill, who can be contacted on (02) 8275 1036, or at philip.nevill@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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