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Dear Mr Sutherland

**Tomingley Gold Project – Proposed Modification 4 (MP09_0155 MOD 4)
Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the proposed modification to Tomingley Gold Project concluded on 10 March 2020.

The Department requests that you prepare and submit a Submissions Report detailing your response to issues raised in submissions. All the submissions can be viewed on the Department's website: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/>.

Please note that the Department's Resources Regulator (RR) is finalising its advice, and you will be notified of this submission when available.

In addition, the Department has identified some issues regarding some aspects of the proposed modification that require clarification (see **Attachment 1**).

The Department requests that you provide a written response to all submissions and issues raised by Monday 30 March 2020.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Mandana Mazaheri on 02 9995 5093.

Yours sincerely



Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
as delegate for the Planning Secretary

Enclosed: Attachment 1

Attachment 1

Matter	Consideration
Figures and maps	- Please provide an updated Figure 2 of the Modification Report to reflect all the currently approved infrastructures, and include all the surface water structures (for both processed water and mine water) - Please confirm if the rehabilitation plan map included in the project approval is still current.
RSF	- The RSF area in the original application was 42 ha. Please clarify when it was increased to 50 ha and why the GHD (2019) RSF concept design refers to 40.5 ha for the RSF area (section 2.1). - Section 2.2.2 of the Modification Report: <i>'The approved Residue Storage Facility includes six lifts or Stages, with each constructed using upstream lifts, namely construction of the subsequent lift on previously deposited residue'</i>. However, MOD3 approval involved downstream construction. Please clarify why the Modification Report referred to upstream method in the previous stages of the RSF lifts. - The Modification Report states that material within the project's WREs or on-going mining operations would be used for construction of the modified RSF. Please clarify about the 'mining operation' and the type of material that would result from this operation.
Water	- Please provide the capacities/volumes of the Wyoming central dam and processed water pond (individually). - Section 2.2.5 of the Modification Report: <i>'In summary, GHD (2019) determined that even under 95th percentile wet rainfall years, the volume of water within the process water system would remain very substantially under the maximum capacity of approximately 575ML'</i>. Please provide the reference for the 575 ML, which was not stated in the GHD (2019) RSF concept design report. - Section 7.1 of the GHD (2019) RSF concept design report: <i>'Any excess water would be pumped to the Residue Storage Dam (RSD), previously known as Wyoming Central Dam (WCD), or to one of the unfilled open pits in an emergency situation'</i>. The Modification Report does not make reference to the emergency plan. Please provide background information about the emergency plan. - Please confirm that no changes would be made to the current surface water structures and management methods following this modification application.
General	- Section 2.2.6 of the Modification Report refers to sections 3 and 4 of GHD 2019 report. Please clarify is this is the GHD (2019) RSF concept design report. If so, sections 3 and 4 are not relevant to the seepage analysis; this analysis is presented in section 6. - Please clarify about the 'tonnage' that is referred to in a number of places in the GHD (2019) RSF concept design report. For example: LOM tonnage and reduced tonnage. - Please clarify about the total number of residences in Tomingley Village. Modification Report refers to 30 residences, but it is not clear what this number is (i.e. whether it is the total number of neighbours, sensitive receivers or the total residences in the village). How many of the residences are sensitive receivers or adjoin the project site?