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Subject: Staging and timing of management plans – Eraring Ash Dam Expansion (MP07_0084)

Dear Mrs Dobson,

I refer to your letter dated 5 August, outlining post approval timeframes for the agreement of the Secretary under Condition 5.14, Schedule 2 of the project approval and notification of the proposed staging of the project under Condition 5.10, Schedule 2 of the project approval.

The Department notes that Modification 1 was approved in December 2019 and Modification 2 was approved in June 2022. Condition 5.14, Schedule 2 of the project approval requires the revision of relevant strategies, plans and programs within three months of any modification to the conditions of the approval to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.

The Department understands that construction works for Modification 1 are yet to commence and that design work remains in progress. The Department notes that Origin Energy will stage works for Modification 2 to commence operations (related to increased recycled ash haulage using existing infrastructure) before constructing the additional infrastructure approved in this modification.

Regarding the staging of works approved under Modification 2, the Department disagrees that the Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) is not required to be updated prior to the commencement of operations approved under Modification 2. The Department agrees to the proposed approach to the update of other management plans prior to commencing operations.

Regarding the timing of the revision of relevant strategies, plans and programs following the modifications, the Department agrees to the proposed timing outlined in letter, with the exception of the OEMP outlined above. The Department also notes that the timing of the submission of the Rehabilitation Management Plan is subject to separate consideration by the Department.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the approach to the revision and staging of management plans for Modification 1 and Modification 2. The agreed timing for key management plans is outlined in **Table 1**. The timing of the other plans and strategies remains consistent with the wording in the project approval.

Table 1: Timing for the revision of management plans

Condition of Schedule 2 of the approval	Plan	Timing for approval of revision for Modification 1	Timing for approval of revision for Modification 2
3.2	Groundwater monitoring program	Prior to the commencement of construction.	Revision not required
4.1/4.2	Construction Environmental Management Plan	Prior to the commencement of construction.	Prior to the commencement of construction.
4.6	Mine Void Remediation Plan	Prior to the commencement of mine void remediation activities.	Revision not required
4.8	Air Quality Management Plan	Approved	Revision not required
4.10	Operational Traffic Management Plan	Revision not required	Prior to the commencement of operations

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary