

7 September 2022

Department of Planning and Environment
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Attention: Stephen O'Donoghue (Director Resource Assessments)

Dear Stephen,

**PROJECT APPROVAL 07_0084 – REHABILITATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (CONDITION 4.9)
EXTENSION**

I refer to your letter dated 20 July 2022 in response to Origin Energy's (Origin) request to an extension of Condition 4.9 sub condition c) of Project Approval (PA) 07_0084 for the submission of a Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP). Additionally, I refer to the meeting held between Origin and the Department on the 1 September 2022 in which the rehabilitation management plan and current work in progress was discussed.

During the meeting, Origin presented the variations in the scope of the Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) due to approval modifications, the interactions between the ash dam and the power station and the body of work being engaged by Origin to improve and inform site closure and rehabilitation outcomes. The Department, in principal, agreed to an extension of 12 months to the current due date for the RMP under the conditions that:

- Origin wrote to the Department outlining the closure work engaged
- The 2022 update of the Long Term Ash Management Strategy, required by Condition 4A.1, is to include further detail on the closure planning work being completed.

Origin has engaged a consultant to complete the following four workstreams:

- Workstream 1 – Closure Planning
- Workstream 2 – Development of RMP
- Workstream 3 – Development of Life of Facility Plan
- Workstream 4 – Ash dam transition to quarry assessment

An overview of the tasks, key deliverables and strategic hold points are provided in Figure 1 below. It should be noted that work on the four workstreams will be completed in parallel with feedback occurring between all four.

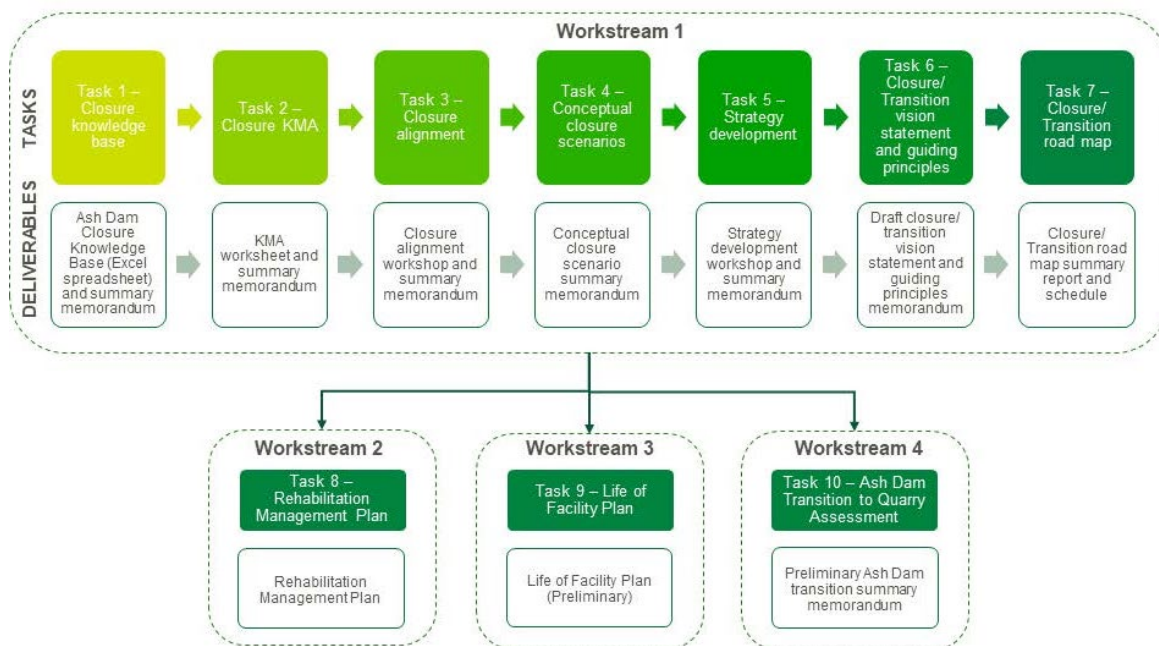


Figure 1 - Project Workstreams

It is anticipated that by the requested extension date of 23 December 2023, Origin will have a RMP prepared to submit which will be informed by the workstreams above. It is anticipated after the original RMP submission that the RMP updated as closure progresses, market conditions and trends are better understood, and knowledge gaps (identified in Workstream 1) are addressed. Updates to the RMP will aim to further define qualitative closure objectives and criteria, detailed methodologies to achieve these, as well as a monitoring and validation process.

Therefore, as discussed in previous letters and meeting, Origin is requesting the Planning Secretary to approve an extension to sub condition 4.9 c) requiring an RMP to be submitted until 23 December 2023.

Should you require any further details or would like to discuss further, please contact Mikayla Henderson (Senior Environment & Community Business Partner) on 0460 032 343 or myself on 0409 264 905.

Kind regards

Brett

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