



Mr Richard Sheehan
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Dear Mr. Sheehan

**Russell Vale Underground Expansion - (MP09_0013)
Water Management Plan**

I refer to the Water Management Plan which was submitted in accordance with Condition B17 of Schedule 2 of the Development Consent for the Russell Vale Underground Expansion (MP09_0013).

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions. The Department's notes the current development status of the Bellambi Gully Clean Water Diversion means that some of the detailed management and monitoring actions for the facility are yet to be confirmed.

Accordingly, the Secretary has provided conditional approval of the Water Management Plan (Version D7, dated 30 August 2021). This Water Management Plan must be updated and resubmitted to the Department for approval within 12 months of the date of this approval to:

- include further information on groundwater conditions within the Pit Top Area, including the installation of shallow ground water piezometers within the Pit Top Area;
- establish additional surface water monitoring points for the Pit Top Area and Bellambi Creek Gully; and
- following completion of the Bellambi Gully Clean Water Diversion works, include an inspection and monitoring program of the Bellambi Gully to monitor for flooding, water flow, channel stability, aquatic and the riparian vegetation of Bellambi Gully and rehabilitated areas.

Please ensure that the approved plan is placed on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on (02) 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
As nominee of the Secretary