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Dear Ms Duncan

**Dargues Reef Gold Project - Response to Submissions for Modification 3 (MP10\_0054 MOD 3)**

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is responding to your request for comment on the response to submissions (RTS) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Modification 3 (Mod 3) of the Dargues Reef Gold Mine, received by OEH on 1 December 2015.

OEH has reviewed the RTS and has provided the following comments which relate to:

- Removal of cyanide processing
- Impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage
- The Biodiversity Management Plan

**Removal of cyanide processing**

OEH notes that the proponent has removed cyanide processing and subsequently the cyanide tailings dam from the proposal, and that this has removed concerns that OEH had previously raised in the OEH response to the MOD 3 EA regarding impacts from cyanide on threatened species.

**Impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage**

OEH have reviewed the Response to Submissions report for Aboriginal heritage matters. Provided that OEH is consulted as part of updating the Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP) and the development of the salvage strategy for GTOS1 and GTOS2, OEH is satisfied that our issues in relation to Modification 3 have been addressed. Consultation with OEH is a requirement under Condition 3(37) of the Project Approval for MP10\_0054.

**The Biodiversity Management Plan**

The Response to Submissions states that "EnviroKey have conducted flora and fauna monitoring across the Project Site in accordance with the Biodiversity Management Plan since Autumn 2014. The results of this monitoring can be viewed online at." However there is no link attached. The proponent will need to provide the link to the survey data so that OEH can see how the results informed the report.

To discuss the contents of this letter further please contact Lyndal Walters on (02) 6229 7157 or by email at [lyndal.walters@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lyndal.walters@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

  
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