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Dear Ms Mandana

## **Dargues Reef Gold Mine (10\_0054) Modification 4 Statement of Environmental Effects**

I refer to your email of 4 December 2018 to the Department of Industry (DoI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Lands & Water and Department of Primary Industries. Any further referrals to Department of Industry can be sent by email to [landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

The department provides the following comments and recommendations for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

### **DoI – Water and Natural Resources Access Regulator**

- Works should be conducted in accordance with the Natural Resources Access Regulator's Guidelines for Controlled Activities:  
<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/licensing-trade/approvals/controlled-activities>
- Surface water and groundwater monitoring triggers should be reviewed and the appropriate management plan/s updated to reflect any changes.

### **DoI Crown Lands**

- Crown Land and Crown Roads subject to the Project Approval Area require any existing or proposed occupation to be authorized under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* or *Roads Act 1993*.
- The exceptions to the above condition apply where:
  - a) The Crown Land and Crown Roads are located within a Mining Lease. All Crown Land and Crown Roads within a Mining Lease must be subject to a Compensation Agreement issued under Section 265 of the *Mining Act 1992*, to be agreed and executed prior to any mining activity taking place and within 12 months of Project/Modification Approval. The Compensation Agreement may include conditions requiring the Mining Lease Holder to purchase Crown Land impacted on by mining activity.
  - b) The Crown Land and Crown Roads are located within an Exploration Licence. All Crown Land and Crown Roads subject to Exploration Activities must be subject to an Access Arrangement issued under Section 141 of the *Mining Act 1992*, to be agreed and executed prior to any exploration activity taking place.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Cosgrove', written in a cursive style.

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Director Cabinet and Legislation Services  
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