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Dear Ms Mazaheri

Dargues Gold Mine Response to submissions, Modification 4 MP10_0054

As requested, we have reviewed Dargues Reef Gold Mine Response to Submissions and advise the following:

In order for Dargues Gold Mine to meet their obligations under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, they will need to include the following;

1. A vegetation integrity score (calculated using section 5.4 of the Biodiversity Assessment Method) for both crossings. We would expect that when comparing the two scores, it would clearly demonstrate that the new crossing would have a lower VIS than the approved crossing, and therefore will not require a Biodiversity Assessment Report
2. A map (developed using section 5.3.1 of the BAM) which clearly shows the vegetation zones and size of the clearing area at both crossing sites.

We note no additional survey or consultation has been undertaken with the registered Aboriginal parties in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage values. We suggest the proponent takes a more active role in ongoing consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties.

We remind the proponent there is a commitment to review the Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP) within 3 months of any modification to the conditions of MP10_0054.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the OEH comments.

Yours sincerely



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