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### **EPA Advice on Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Mr Nevill

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-10265770), requesting the review by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed underground development (SSD 10367) at the Cowal Gold Mine at Lake Cowal 38 kilometres north east of West Wyalong.

The EPA has reviewed the following document and its Appendices:

- Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development, EIS – EMM Consulting – October 2020.

The EPA understands the proposal is to establish portals, vents and services to support underground mining in conjunction with the existing open cut method.

Based on the information provided the proposal will require a variation to Environment Protection Licence No 11912 (EPL) held by the applicant for activities at the mine.

The EPA has the following additional comments:

- We understand that all limit conditions in DA 14/98 will remain in any development consent issued for the Cowal Gold Mine, excepting condition 1.2(C)(V11) – the Integrated Waste Landform will increase from a maximum height of 245 to 246 m AHD.
- We note that no additional air, noise, surface water, groundwater and waste impacts are predicted from the underground development.
- If development consent is granted the mine's environmental management plans will require updating and the EPA should be consulted on the preparation of these plans.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact Jason Price by telephoning 02 6969 0700 or via email at [riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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