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Dear Ms Hawkeswood,

Bulli Seam Operations Modification 3 - Appin Mine Ventilation and Access Project (MP 08_0150 MOD 3)

I refer to the 15 July 2021 request for advice from the Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on the above.

EES has reviewed Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) prepared by Niche Environment and Heritage and considers it adequate apart from the targeted survey for the endangered Spiked Rice-flower (*Pimelea spicata*):

- The BDAR states the potential habitat for *Pimelea spicata* is limited to the small area of PCT 849 shrubland, however, EES considers the potential habitat also includes the areas of PCT 849 grassland and PCT 849 woodland.
- The BDAR concludes the floristic plot survey around PCT 849 shrubland is sufficient, however, the survey has not been undertaken in accordance with the guidelines on BioNet.

EES recommends targeted surveys for *Pimelea spicata* be undertaken of all the PCT 849 identified on the site in accordance with the guidelines. Alternatively, an expert report should be provided stating that the species is unlikely to occur within the PCT 849 areas.

Should you have any queries regarding this advice, please contact Richard Bonner, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 9995 6917 or at richard.bonner@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. Harrison'.

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