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Dear Ms Hollis

Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project – SSD-8642 – Supplementary Response to Submissions Report

I refer to your e-mail dated 18 March 2020 in which Planning and Assessment Group (P&A) invited the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) to review a letter dated 17 March 2020 prepared by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited on behalf of Glencore for the Mangoola Continued Operations Project. Umwelt's letter was in response to BCD's advice dated 31 January 2020.

BCD recommended that the proponent did not conduct test excavations at Aboriginal sites outside the disturbance footprint; that performance indicators for post-mine rehabilitation included particular parameters, and that further flood risk mitigation was undertaken. The proponent no longer intends to conduct test excavations at Aboriginal sites outside the disturbance footprint, and will further refine post-mine rehabilitation criteria and flood risk management post consent. BCD has no further comments and looks forward to working with the proponent during the development of rehabilitation and flooding management plans post consent.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Robert Gibson, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3154 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Cox', written over a horizontal line.

1 April 2020

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