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Dear Mandana,

Response to submissions - Tomingley Gold Extension Project (SSD-9176045)

Thank you for your e-mail dated 18 May 2022 to the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) of the Department of Planning and Environment inviting comments on the response to submissions (RTS) for the Tomingley Gold Extension Project (SSD-9176045).

BCS has reviewed the *Submissions Report for the Tomingley Gold Extension Project* (R.W. Corkery & Co. Pty. Limited, May 2020) and the *Amendment Report for the Tomingley Gold Extension Project* (R.W. Corkery & Co. Pty. Limited, May 2020). BCS notes that the proposed amendments would not change the predicted impact to biodiversity values assessed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Should the project be approved, BCS recommends that the 1724 ecosystem credits calculated in the EIS be included in the project consent conditions, requiring offset prior to impact on biodiversity values in accordance with s7.14(4) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Rowan Murphy, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, via rowan.murphy@environment.nsw.gov.au or 0400 337 662.

Yours sincerely,



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30 May 2022