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Dr Mandana Mazaheri Team Leader Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Via Major Planning Projects Portal

Dear Dr Mazaheri

Response to Response to Submissions (RtS) – Tomingley Gold Extension Project (SSD-9176045).

Thank you for the notification of the RtS regarding the Tomingley Gold Extension Project on 18 May 2022.

NSW DPI is pleased with the response to the two issues raised in our response to the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement:

- 1. We acknowledge the correction to the amount of BSAL present and the area of BSAL that will be disturbed and impacted by the proposal.
  - We support land reinstatement that considers agricultural land (also including BSAL restoration) as part of the final rehabilitation plan.
- 2. In relation to the issue of monitoring land use change and rehabilitation to be undertaken with the community, the response noted that the Proponent will comply with the 2012 AIS Guidelines and the 2013 AIS Technical Notes. The Technical Notes state that there should be a commitment to consult with and address the concerns of consultation groups when developing the agricultural and rehabilitation management plans. Given this commitment, the Department has the expectation that those consulted will include, at a minimum, adjacent landholders to the development.

Should you have any questions in relation to this response I have asked the Ms Mary Kovac be available to answer your enquiries. Ms Kovac may be contacted on 02 6881 1250

Yours sincerely

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3 June 2022
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