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Via Online Submission through Major Projects Portal:

**Submission on MP10_0054-Mod-6
Dargues Gold Project.
Majors Creek NSW 2622**

Dear Sir / Madam

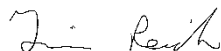
Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed modification to the Dargues Gold Project development consent.

Whilst Council officers have reviewed the provided documentation, we note that Council does not have any suitably qualified staff to provide meaningful comment on the proposed dewatering process for the Tailings Storage Facility.

However, Council officers still have regard for the quality of water proposed for return to the underground, and the potential for longer term impacts on the groundwater in the vicinity of the Majors Creek community. To provide assurance that this process cannot go awry, Council officers suggest that the condition of the water in the Tailings Storage Facility, and its suitability for return to the underground, is independently verified by a third-party NATA accredited testing facility to the satisfaction of the NSW Environment Protection Authority prior to its return to the underground.

Should you wish to discuss the comments or suggestions made, please contact Tim Reich of Council's Development and Environment Directorate on 1300 735 025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Reich', written in a cursive style.

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