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Dear Mr ^{Tim}Browne

**Bulga Optimisation Project - Modification 1 (SSD 4960 MOD 1)
Request for Response to Submissions**

The public exhibition of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for Bulga Modification 1 concluded on Wednesday 27 July. The Department has received nine submissions from government agencies. No public submissions were received.

The Secretary requests that you prepare and submit a response to submissions (RTS) document detailing your responses to the issues raised in the submissions. I ask that this document be provided in a timely matter. The submissions can be viewed on the Department's website www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au.

In addition to the issues raised in agency submissions, the Department requests additional information is provided in the RTS on the following two matters:

- Glencore is seeking approval to emplace tailings in an in pit storage facility in the Main Pit. The water assessment in the SEE states that the proposed tailings emplacement would not change surface water management requirements and could be managed and operated in accordance with the currently approved Integrated Water Management System (IWMS). However, the Department asks for additional information on potential surface and groundwater impacts, with particular consideration of in-ground migration of water entrained in the tailings.
- The visual assessment in the SEE includes a radial analysis from the top of the proposed redesigned Eastern Emplacement Area (EEA). The radial analysis shows that the redesigned EEA would be partially visible from vehicles travelling along Broke Road and from one privately owned residence on Mitchell Line of Road. Glencore has identified that existing roadside vegetation and ridgeline trees would obscure potential views from Mitchell Line of Road. The Department requests that Glencore provide a realistic photographic montage to demonstrate that the potential views of the revised EEA would continue to be shielded by these intervening features.

If you wish to discuss the above, please contact Megan Dawson on the details shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Howard Reed
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