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### Re: Mt Owen Project Approval SSD-5850 – Falbrook Road Tree Screening

Dear Lauren,

Schedule 3, Condition 39A of SSD-5850 for Mount Owen Mine requires that:

*“39A. By 31 December 2020, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must plant the vegetated screen described in SEE (Mod 2), adjacent to Falbrook Road.*

*The Applicant must establish and maintain the vegetated screen to the satisfaction of the Secretary.”*

The vegetated screen identified in the SSD-5850 SEEMod 2 (Umwelt, 2018) was established in 2019, with planting of selected mid-storey and over-storey species as outlined in **Table 1**. Due to the prevailing drought conditions, follow up planting and seeding was also completed in May 2020 to assist in the development of the screening areas. Evidence of this planting is attached (refer to **Plate 1** and **Plate 2**).

**Table 1 - Falbrook Road Vegetation Screen Plantings**

Species	Common Name
<b>Over-storey Species</b>	
<i>Eucalyptus fibrosa</i>	Broad leaf ironbark
<i>Eucalyptus crebra</i>	Narrow leaf ironbark
<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted gum
<i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i>	Grey Box
<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>	Forest red gum
<i>Allocasuarina luehmannii</i>	Bull oak
<b>Mid-storey Species</b>	
<i>Acacia decora</i>	Western golden wattle
<i>Acacia salicina</i>	Cooba
<i>Acacia decurrens</i>	Green Wattle
<i>Acacia falcata</i>	Falcate wattle
<i>Acacia parvipinnula</i>	Silver stem wattle
<i>Acacia implexa</i>	Hickory
<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Hop bush

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Quarterly inspections of the Falbrook Road vegetated screens will continue during the remainder of 2020 and are also planned in 2021 to monitor the performance of these areas during their establishment phase and to identify any additional planting and/or maintenance actions required (e.g. watering, weed management, fence repairs, etc). From 2022, it is proposed that the Falbrook Road screen will be inspected annually, consistent with the monitoring of the New England Highway tree screen as described in the approved Mount Owen / Glendell Operations (MGO) Biodiversity Offset Management Plan.

MGO therefore seek comment from the Secretary that the measures proposed for establishment and maintenance of the vegetated screens located adjacent to Falbrook Road are satisfactory in meeting the requirements of Schedule 3, Condition 39A of SSD-5850.

If you have any questions on this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Kind regards,



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**Plate 1 – evidence of tree screen establishment looking NW from Middle Falbrook Road. Image taken May 2020.**



**Plate 2 – evidence of tree screen establishment looking NNW from Middle Falbrook Road. Image taken May 2020.**