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Dear Megan

Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project IPC Review

I refer to your e-mail dated 16 January 2019 in which the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) provided the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) with BioBanking data for the 'Option 2' version of the North Pit Dump of the Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project. This data was provided in response to OEH's review (letter dated 20 December 2018) of the *Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project: Response to IPC Recommendations report* (RTS Report) by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (dated 7 December 2018).

Table 12 in the RTS Report summarises the ecosystem credit yield for the mining footprint of the continuation of mining project and two options for the North Pit dump area. OEH is satisfied with the BioBanking assessment of ecosystem credit yield for 'Option 2' that was provided with e-mail dated 18 December 2018. OEH has previously reviewed and accepted the BioBanking credit yield for the mining footprint (letter dated 19 March 2018). No further information for the BioBanking calculations and assessment of the mining footprint and the two options for the North Pit dump area is required.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Steven Cox, Senior Team Leader Planning, on 4927 3150 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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