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Subject: Extension Request for Installation of Monitoring Bores

Dear Mr Palmer

I refer to your letter dated 8 July 2022 regarding the timing for installation of additional groundwater monitoring sites. Mangoola previously committed to installing the additional monitoring sites prior to the commencement of mining north of Wybong Road to confirm the VWP pressure changes and monitor water levels in the Wybong Creek alluvium and associated groundwater dependent ecosystems.

The Department understands that Mangoola has made attempts in the field to access the proposed monitoring locations however have, to date, been unable to access these locations in order to complete the bore holes due to unsafe conditions associated with heavy rainfall.

The Department understands that Mangoola is in the process of finalising its Groundwater Management Plan which is required to be approved by the Planning Secretary prior to commencing mining operations north of Wybong Road in accordance with condition B50 of SSD 8642. As such, the Department considers that the Groundwater Management Plan should include a detailed description when mining operations north of Wybong Road are expected to start impacting on groundwater resources, and include a commitment to install these bores prior to that impact occurring.

The Department considers that these monitoring bores should be installed prior to having an impact on any groundwater resources in order to allow for adequate baseline data to be collected.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joe Fittell on (02) 4908 6896.

Yours sincerely



Stephen O'Donoghue

Director

Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary