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Subject: Alternate Timeframe for RZM and Hydrocarbons sites Site Audit Statements – Conditions A7 and E129

Dear Mr Gill

I refer to your submission dated 2 June 2026, requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to the alternate timeframe of 'within six months after the commencement of operations' for the Project to implement the requirements of Conditions E129 and E130 in relation to the Rutile Zircon Mine (RZM) and Hydrocarbons Site locations.

I understand that Condition E129 requires that Site Audit Statements for land identified as a moderate to high-risk area of potential contamination, be submitted to the Planning Secretary after remediation and no later than 'before the commencement of operation'. Condition E130 requires that contaminated land cannot be used for its approved purpose until a Site Audit Statement has confirmed the land is suitable for that purpose.

I note that:

- Project operations are anticipated to commence in August 2026.
- The RZM site's use as Ancillary Site 10 is expected to continue into late July, not allowing sufficient time to both complete remediation and finalise a Site Audit Statement (SAS) prior to operations.
- The remediation activities at the Hydrocarbons Site, located in Fill 18, are progressing well but do not allow for a finalised SAS prior to operations.
- Transport for NSW is confident that the land will not present an unacceptable risk prior to operation, and that the proposed alternate timeframe is achievable for both locations.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree under Condition A7 to the alternate timeframe of 'within six months after the commencement of operations' for Condition E129. The Department requests regular updates on the progress of remediation activities during the ongoing monthly project meetings.

Please ensure you make this letter publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Amy Porter on amy.porter@dphi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Brown', with a stylized, flowing script.

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary