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Dear Ms OToole

RE: Cowal Gold Mine Processing Rate Modification (DA14/98_MOD 14) – Exhibition of the Environmental Assessment

Reference is made to your email dated 12 April 2018 seeking comments on the exhibition of the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Cowal Gold Mine Processing Rate Modification, West Wyalong, within the Bland Shire Council local government area.

The Heritage Division, on behalf of the Heritage Council has reviewed the available supporting documentation, specifically the Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements, issued on 17 November 2017 and the Cowal Gold Operations (CGO) Processing Rate Modification Environmental Assessment, dated 2018, prepared by Resource Strategies (EA).

The EA (Section 4.11.4) details that *"The only historic heritage items in the ML 1535 area and surrounds listed as heritage items under the Bland LEP were the Cowal West Homestead and Shearing (Wool) Shed. Demolition of the Cowal West Homestead Complex (i.e. the Homestead, Shearing Shed and Hays shed) was approved for the Cowal Gold Mine E42 Modification Modified Request Environmental Assessment (Barrick, 2008), and occurred during 2011 to 2012. The relocation and reconstruction of the Shearing Shed at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre was completed in April 2013"*.

The EA concludes that based on the above, no historic heritage items would be impacted by the proposed modification.

The Heritage Division concurs with this assessment. Based on the lack of impacts the project would have on any historic heritage, the Heritage Division has no further comments on the project at this time. If the scope of the works changes, and impacts to heritage are anticipated, the Heritage Division would be happy to provide further comment at that time.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact Liliana Duran, Heritage Assessment Officer, at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, on telephone 9873 8611 or by e-mail: liliana.duran@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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