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**RE: Environmental Assessment for the Hera Mine Modifications 3 – PA 10\_0191**

Dear Paul,

NSW Department of Primary Industries, Lands has had the opportunity to review the Environmental Assessment for the Hera Mine Modifications 3 – PA 10\_0191 and has the following comments:

It is suggested that the mine be fenced to prevent goats accessing tailings water. Goats are mustered for human consumption in the vicinity of the mine, and there exists a possibility that toxins could be passed to humans consuming these goat products. Please note that this is not a condition of concurrence.

Should the proposed modification be approved, the department requests that a copy of the updated Mining Operations Plan be provided once it is available.

The department has no further comments with regard to this modification provided the EA is followed.

If you have any further queries in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jarrod Smith on 02 6883 5448 (phone) or [jarrod.smith@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jarrod.smith@crowland.nsw.gov.au) (email).

Yours sincerely,

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