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Attention: Mr Paul Freeman

Dear Mr Freeman,

I refer to the modification application reference 10\_0191 and accompanying information provided for the proposed modification for the Hera Mine received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 11 August 2015. Please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

Having reviewed the information provided, the EPA has determined that it is able to issue a variation to Environment Protection Licence (EPL 20179) for the proposed modification, subject to the incorporation of the following recommended condition into the Department of Planning and Environments (DPE) consent (if approved).

EPL 20179 will need to be varied to increase the scale of mining operations permitted onsite. The EPA notes the applicant will need to make a separate application to the EPA to obtain this licence variation prior to works proceeding.

Recommended Condition

*All proposed surface water infrastructure must be constructed and operated in accordance with the relevant design criteria provided in the document Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction- Volume 1 (current edition).*

In the event that the development is modified either by the applicant prior to the granting of consent or as a result of the conditions proposed to be attached to the consent, it will be necessary to consult with the EPA about the changes before the consent is issued. This will enable the EPA to determine whether its recommended conditions need to be modified in light of the changes.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter please contact me on 6883 5367 at the Dubbo Office of EPA by telephoning (02) 6883 5367.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brad Tanswell', followed by the date '11/09/15' written in blue ink.

**BRAD TANSWELL**  
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