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Attention: Stephen Shoesmith

Dear Mr Reed

**Woodlawn Mine Project MOD1 (07\_143 MODa)**

I refer to your email received 16 February 2016 advising WaterNSW of a modification to the Woodlawn Mine Project and seeking WaterNSW's comments and any recommendations.

The subject land and proposed development is partly located within the Wollondilly catchment which forms part of Sydney's water supply.

WaterNSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment documents (dated January 2016) for the proposed modification and notes the documents refer to a paste fill plant. There is no information on what is included in the paste fill plant or the layout of the paste fill plant. Previously this plant was to be contained within the main reprocessing facility area, so any impacts would have been contained in that area. Information provided in the Annual Environmental Management Report 2014-2015 for the mine site indicates that the paste will be made from the final tailings from the retreatment project combined with lime and low heat cement. As there is no information on the physical and chemical components of the final tailings or measures to ensure that those tailings or runoff containing the tailings do not escape the site, Water NSW requests this concern be addressed in the updated Water Management Plan, as specified in the Statement of Commitments including the management of the final tailings from the retreatment project and the paste fill plant.

**Recommended Conditions of Approval for the modification**

1. Replace Sydney Catchment Authority with WaterNSW wherever it appears in the consent.
2. Amend Condition 4 of Schedule 4 to require an updated Water Management Plan which shall address the management of the final tailings from the retreatment project and the paste fill plant.

Water NSW would appreciate the opportunity in any further assessment of the proposal.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Jim Caddey on 4824 3401.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Hughes".

**MALCOLM HUGHES**  
**Manager Environment and Planning**

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