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MOD 6

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Dear Ms D'souza

**Sunrise Mine – Modification 6 - Exhibited EIS**

I refer to your request dated 22 January 2018 seeking comment from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the exhibited Environmental Impact Statement for the Sunrise Mine modification 6.

*Biodiversity*

OEH note that the proposed modification will impact on 27.5 hectares of native vegetation. It is accepted that the area to be impacted was assessed in accordance with the Biodiversity Assessment Method and it was determined that the Vegetation Integrity Score is less than 17 and therefore no offset is required.

*Aboriginal Cultural Heritage*

The project received project approval in 2001 under section 76(A) & 80 of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and is in preparation for commencement under the modified section 75W approval. The modification does not extinguish the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act) (s.90A). Due to the circumstances a variation to the current Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) (#00003049) is not appropriate, consequently a new AHIP is required.

Variation of an AHIP includes substituting, omitting or amending an existing condition or imposing a new one (s.90D(2) of the NPW Act).

In some circumstances OEH will require a new AHIP application. An example of this is if the area of land covered by an AHIP increases and was not part of the consultation at the time of the initial AHIP application.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Michelle Howarth, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 02 6883 5339 or email [michelle.howarth@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michelle.howarth@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Christie', is positioned above the printed name.

**PETER CHRISTIE**  
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