



Your reference: DA No 251-09-01 (Mod 12)
Our reference: EF13/2845; DOC15/351059-02
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Dear Ms Duncan

Re Proposed modification (No 12) - Ginko mineral sands project DA 251-09-01

Thank you for your electronic mail dated 15 January 2016 to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) seeking comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) that supports the proposed modification of the development consent (DA 251-09-01) for the Ginko mineral sands mine near Pooncarie.

The Ginko mine is a scheduled premises under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and is regulated by the EPA using Environment Protection Licence No 12264. We have reviewed the information provided in the EA and understand that a minor southern extension is proposed which includes the following.

- A 32 hectare extension at the southern end of the mine (about a 2% increase);
- A 2 hectare increase in the mine path within the existing mining lease;
- A 1,411 hectare increase in biodiversity offsets; and
- No change in operational mining activities.

We also understand the Borefield Impact Management Plan will be reviewed and revisions made where necessary.

The EPA has reviewed the information provided and determined that we do not have any objections to the proposed modification. We have also determined that the proposal does not require a variation of the environment protection licence (pending the review of the mines relevant management plans). Whilst we do not recommend any additional conditions of approval for the proposal, we do expect that all existing conditions in Schedule 3 of the development consent will be retained. We also expect that the EPA will be given an opportunity to review and comment on the draft conditions of consent for this proposal.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact Jason Price by telephoning 02 6969 0700.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darren Wallett', followed by the date '11/2/16' written in blue ink.

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