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Dear Mr Dumbleton

**Re: Hillgrove Mine (DA 98/00802) - Modification 3**

Thank you for your email of 13 January 2015 regarding the above modification, seeking comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

OEH has statutory responsibilities relating to biodiversity (including threatened species, populations, ecological communities, and their habitats), Aboriginal and historic heritage, National Parks and Wildlife Service estate, flooding and estuary management.

OEH has reviewed the documents supplied and it appears that the proposed modification is for the continuation of the existing mining activities with no change to those mining operations or activities proposed. In this regard, OEH provides the following comments for consideration:

- The Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) should ensure that all existing conditions have been complied with. OEH notes that there are many conditions which are still relevant to the existing mine, however the environmental assessment report submitted has not addressed compliance with these conditions. These conditions relate to environmental management, compliance, reporting, independent auditing, water quality, flora and fauna, vegetation management, landscaping, heritage and more. OEH recommends that DP&E check compliance with existing conditions prior to determining this modification.
- OEH could not identify any conditions relating to the rehabilitation of the mine footprint after the mine ceases operation. OEH recommends that DP&E appropriately condition the rehabilitation of the mine site.

If you require further information or clarification, please contact Mr Krister Waern, Senior Operations Officer, on (02) 6640 2503.

Yours sincerely

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