



Department of Industry

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Dear Ms Evans

Mount Owen Continued Operations Project (SSD 5850 MOD 2) Response to Submissions

I refer to your email of 7 January 2019 to the Department of Industry (DoI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Lands & Water and Department of Primary Industries. Any further referrals to Department of Industry can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

The department provides the following comments and recommendations for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

DoI - Water and Natural Resources Access Regulator

- The following conditions of consent are recommended:
 - A Water Management Plan should be prepared in consultation with DoI Water/NRAR, including a monitoring plan and Trigger Action Response Plan to identify, monitor and manage impacts to the alluvial groundwater resource of Main Creek.
 - Licensed entitlement must be obtained to account for all take of water (unless subject to exemption) prior to take of water occurring.
- Guidelines/policies that should be addressed.
 - NSW Aquifer Interference Policy 2012

DoI - Crown Lands

- All Crown Land and Crown Roads within a Mining Lease must be subject to a Compensation Agreement issued under Section 265 of the *Mining Act 1992*, to be agreed and executed prior to any mining activity taking place and within 12 months of Project/Modification approval. The Compensation Agreement may include conditions requiring the Mining Lease Holder to purchase Crown Land impacted on by mining activity.
- All Crown Land and Crown Roads located within an Exploration Licence, where subject to exploration activity, must be subject to an Access Arrangement issued under Section 141 of the *Mining Act 1992*, to be agreed and executed prior to any exploration activity taking place

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Cosgrove', with a stylized, cursive script.

Cassandra Cosgrove
Director Cabinet and Legislation Services
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