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Dear Richard,

Re: Proposed West Cliff Mine Water Supply Project

This letter should be included as an addendum to the Environmental Assessment. We have reviewed the applicability of NSW SEPPs to the above project and confirm that apart from SEPP (Major Projects) 2005, which determines the approval process, there are no other SEPPs directly relevant to the proposal.

The following sections discuss the relevance of SEPP 44 and SEPP 11.

SEPP 44 Koala Habitat

State Environmental Planning Policy No 44 Koala Habitat (SEPP 44) aims to encourage the proper conservation and management of areas of natural vegetation that provide habitat for Koalas. The identification of core Koala habitat areas is one of the major aims of this SEPP.

Core Koala habitat can be defined as an area containing an extent population of Koalas or the presence of feed-trees that account for at least 15% of canopy species.

The Biosis Flora and Fauna Report confirms that there is no core Koala habitat affected by the proposal.

SEPP 11 Traffic Generating Developments

The objective of this SEPP is to ensure the RTA are made aware of and have the opportunity to comment on various types of development proposals as listed in two schedules in the SEPP. Mining is included in Schedule 1 of the SEPP, however, given the minor nature of the proposal and the minimum impact on road transport, the RTA should not be interested in this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

David Olsen
Environmental Manager