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Dear Mr O'Donoghue

Proposed Cadia Hill Tailings Modification

I refer to your request dated 29 March 2018 seeking comment from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the Statement of Environmental Effects for the proposed Cadia Hill Tailings Modification.

We have reviewed the information provided and note that impacts to biodiversity and cultural heritage have not been assessed for the modification as there are no proposed changes to the physical extent of the already approved operations. OEH have no comments to make on the content of the Statement of Environmental Effects.

Please note OEH have been advised that there are bats (species to be determined) roosting in an adit associated with the Cadia Hill Underground Mine that will be impacted by the proposed modification. OEH has been provided additional information from the proponent regarding the bat colony and proposed management options. Additionally, the proponent has advised that they are undertaking ANABAT surveys to confirm species. The bat species and numbers should be confirmed to guide the level and appropriateness of any management actions and associated consent conditions and/or licensing requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Samantha Wynn, Senior Team Leader Planning North West on 02 6883 5365 or email samantha.wynn@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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