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Dear Ms Donnelley

RE: Cadia East Mine Modification (PA 06_0295 MOD 6)

I refer to your email dated 31 March 2015 requesting comments on the above proposal from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

OEH has responsibilities under the;

- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* - namely the protection and care of Aboriginal objects and places, the protection and care of native flora and fauna and the protection and management of reserves; and the
- *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* which aims to conserve threatened species of flora and fauna, populations and ecological communities to promote their recovery and manage processes that threaten them;
- *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 2003* – ensuring compliance with the requirements of this legislation.

OEH understands that the proposed modification is to the approved ore processing rate at the mine from 27 million tonnes a year to 32 million tonnes a year. This would be achieved by upgrading and/or constructing additional crushing, grinding and flotation facilities, and increasing the capacity of product trains. A temporary mobile crusher would be installed during construction of these facilities, and temporary trucking would be used until conveyors are installed.

There would be no change to the approved disturbance footprint, or the approved mining methods at Cadia East Mine.

Based on the information provided, the OEH has no specific comments to make on the proposed modification at this stage. We assume that the proposal has adequately considered the requirements under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* of the OEH areas of responsibility (ie. natural and cultural heritage conservation issues). Please note that if subsequent information indicates that these areas within the OEH's responsibility require further investigation, OEH may provide future input.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of the OEH please contact David Geering, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5335 or david.geering@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SArdill', written in a cursive style.

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