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Dear Phillipa

Subject: Tomingley Gold Project Modification Application - Exhibition of Environmental Assessment – MOD 2 (MP09_0155 MOD 2) [Our Ref: ER20743]

The NSW Office of Water has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed modification to the Tomingley Gold Project. The following comments and recommended condition of consent are provided to assist in finalising the assessment.

- It is understood the proposed modification includes, 1) a small extension to the Caloma Open Cut to enable a reduction in the batter angles of the upper benches to reduce the risk of wall failure, and 2) enhancement of the amenity bund between the Caloma Open Cut and the Tomingley village.
- The extension to the open cut is defined in the EA to be above the groundwater table. There is therefore no predicted increase in groundwater take and no requirement for additional groundwater monitoring, management or licensed entitlement.
- The EA indicates a range of features of the existing Erosion and Sediment Control Plan will require amendment due to the proposed modification. This includes alterations to the central surface water diversion channel, diversion drains around the Caloma Open Cut and erosion and sediment control features such as sediment fencing and rock check dams. The EA proposes a review and update of the Water Management Plan to account for the proposed modification which will include an updated Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. This is supported by the NSW Office of Water and it is recommended this be completed in accordance with the guideline, *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction – Mines and Quarries (Landcom 2004)*”.

Recommended Condition of Consent

- The proponent must update the Water Management Plan in consultation with the NSW Office of Water.

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