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Dear Ms Duncan

**RE Tomingley Gold Mine Modification 2**

I refer to your email dated 8 December 2014 requesting comments on the above proposal from the Office of Environment and Heritage.

OEH understands that the modification proposes to cut back the eastern and western perimeter of the Caloma Open Cut to ensure upper wall stability. The proposal also seeks to enhance the existing amenity bund between the Caloma Open Cut and Tomingley, increasing it from the current dimensions of three metres high and two metres wide to six to ten metres high and 24 metres across the top.

The environmental assessment indicates that the proposed disturbance will be confined to previously cleared land and no additional impacts to biodiversity are considered likely. In addition, the proposed modification will not result in the disturbance of any identified Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.

Based on the information provided within the environmental assessment OEH has no specific comments to provide 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 OEH's responsibility require further consideration we may provide future input.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of OEH please contact Renee Shepherd, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5355.

Yours sincerely,

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