



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Smith,

**Dargues Reef Gold Project Modification (10_0054 MOD 2)
Response to exhibition of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your email dated 7 August 2013 to the NSW Office of Water, a division within the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), in respect to the above matter.

Comment by Fisheries NSW

Fisheries NSW advise no comments.

For further information please contact Trevor Daly, Fisheries Conservation Manager (Batemans Bay office) on 4478 9103, or at: trevor.daly@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Comment by Agriculture NSW

Agriculture NSW advise no comments.

For further information please contact Wendy Goodburn, Resource Management Officer (Goulburn office) on 4828 6635, or: wendy.goodburn@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Comment by NSW Office of Water

The NSW Office of Water advises:

- (i) The modification proposal indicates the requirement to amend the surface water management system in terms of sediment basins and settlement dams. Clarification is requested as to the consistency of these amendments with the Maximum Harvestable Rights Dam Capacity. Of particular interest is the sediment basin at the base of the Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) which was previously the location of Dam F and is to capture water via the clean water diversion.
- (ii) Clarification is requested on the interaction of water collection between the sediment basin at the base of the TSF and the seepage collection pond. Figure 5 in the Environmental Assessment (EA) shows no distinction between the two

storages, hence uncertainty exists in the management of clean and contaminated water at this location.

- (iii) It is noted the drainage layout in the Water Management Plan (January 2013) indicates a different design for the clean water diversion than the approved or proposed site layout in Figures 3 and 5 of the EA. It is expected this would be one of the revisions required to the Water Management Plan.
- (iv) The Office of Water requests a review of the Water Management Plan to address the proposed changes to the site layout and disturbance area.
- (v) Should the modification application be approved the following condition is recommended:
 - The Proponent shall review the Water Management Plan for the project. This Plan must be developed in consultation with the Office of Water and include:
 - (a) details of water use, storage, monitoring and management on site,
 - (b) detailed plans of water management on site, and
 - (c) a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan.

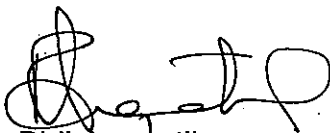
For further information please contact Tim Baker, Senior Water Regulation Officer (Dubbo office) on 6841 7403, or at: Tim.Baker@water.nsw.gov.au.

Comment by Crown Lands

Crown Lands advise no comments.

For further information please contact Rebecca Johnson, Coordinator Client Services (Newcastle office) on 4920 5040, or: rebecca.johnson@lands.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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