

## MINING, EXPLORATION & GEOSCIENCE ADVICE RESPONSE

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Dear Phillip

**Project: Cowal Gold Mine – Surface changes to support the underground development**  
**Stage: Advice on Modification Report**  
**Development Application: SSD Modification - DA14/98 MOD16**

I refer to your correspondence dated 21 October 2020 inviting Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on the **Cowal Gold Mine - Surface changes to support the underground development - Modification 16** (the Project) submitted by Evolution Mining Pty Ltd.

The relevant units internal to MEG have been consulted in generating this advice. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Energy, Resources & Compliance Division and the Proponent should be aware that matters concerning subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator, safety, rehabilitation and environmental impacts of final landform design are not assessed by MEG and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

MEG notes that the Project, as it currently stands, is located within the existing operations area of Mining Lease 1535 (Act 1992) and Mining Lease 1791 (Act 1992). Based on current information the proponent holds the appropriate titles as required for mining operations as relating to the project. Project operations are allowable within existing surface exceptions or depth restrictions.

MEG has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Project and raises no issues at this time.

For further advice on this matter, please contact Scott Anson, Manager Assessment Coordination, Resource Assessments on 02 4063 6534 or [assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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