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Dear Emily,

**Tomingley Gold Mine - MOD5 - New RSF and Extension of Project Life (MP09\_0155-Mod-5)**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 10 December 2020 to the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment inviting comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tomingley Gold Mine – New RSF and Extension of Project Life (MP09\_0155-Mod-5).

The proposed modification seeks consent for:

- Construction and use of Stages 1 and 2 of a second residue storage facility (RSF2);
- Extension of the TGO Mine Site boundary to incorporate RSF2; and,
- An extension of Mine Life from 31 December 2022 to 31 December 2025.

BCS has reviewed the BDAR and our biodiversity comments and recommendations are provided in **Attachment A**. If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Michelle Howarth, A/Senior Team Leader Planning North West, via [michelle.howarth@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michelle.howarth@environment.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 6883 5339.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Howarth'.

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Attachment A – BCS's Comments and Recommendations

## BCS's detailed comments and recommendations

### Tomingley Gold Mine - MOD5 - New RSF and Extension of Project Life – Environmental Impact Statement

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#### 1. Further information required for consideration of SAIL for Fuzzy Box Woodland on alluvial brown loam soils mainly in the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion

The BDAR has not adequately addressed Section 9.1.1 of the BAM (2020) with regard to PCT201. The BDAR must describe the extent that the proposed impacts are likely to contribute to further environmental degradation or the disruption of biotic processes of the TEC. The BDAR must also detail the action and measures taken to avoid the direct and indirect impact on the TEC at risk of SAIL.

#### Recommendations

- 1.1. Provide further analysis of the extent that the proposed impacts are likely to contribute to further environmental degradation or the disruption of biotic processes (Principle 2) of the Fuzzy Box Woodland (section 9.1.1 (4)(b) of BAM, 2020).
- 1.2. Detail the action and measures taken to avoid the direct and indirect impacts on Fuzzy Box Woodland.

#### 2. Assessment type selected in the calculator must be correct

BCS notes that the assessment type that has been selected in the BAM calculator is 'Part 5 Activities'. This project is been assessed under Part 4 of the EP&A Act.

#### Recommendations

- 2.1. The assessor must update the assessment details in the BAM calculator

#### 3. All spatial data must be provided with the BDAR

It is a requirement of the Biodiversity Assessment Method that digital shape files for all maps and spatial data be provided with the BDAR (Table 25, Page 117 of BAM 2020).

- 3.1. Provide all digital shapefiles