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Dear Philip

Project: Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development Stage: Advice on RTS Development Application: SSD-10367

I refer to your correspondence dated 1 March 2021 inviting the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development submitted by Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited (the Proponent).

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 has reviewed the information supplied and raises no issues regarding the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development Response to Submissions report.

MEG requests the opportunity to review any draft conditions of consent.

For further advice concerning this matter, please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit on 02 4063 6534 or <u>assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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