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Department of the Environment

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Dear Mr Winwood

**Dubbo Zirconia Project, NSW**

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Dubbo Zirconia Project.

Please find below the department's comments in relation to the EIS. This advice is provided on a without prejudice basis to assist the proponent in meeting the requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The department is generally satisfied with the information provided in the EIS but sought further information from the proponent's consultants, R.W Corkery & Co Pty Ltd, regarding the offset calculations in the EIS, the current condition of the proposed offsets and the management actions that are proposed to improve the ecological condition of the proposed offsets.

The Department considers that the proposed offset for the EPBC listed Pink-tailed Worm Lizard meets the requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* *Environmental Offsets Policy* (October 2012) and the *Offsets Assessment Guide*, including funding for in perpetuity management.

The Department requests the Department of Planning & Infrastructure to consider incorporating the proposed offset into any approval conditions, including provision for in perpetuity protection and management of the proposed offsets.

If you have any questions on the above advice, please contact Mark Jenkins on (02) 6274 1558 or email [mark.jenkins@environment.gov.au](mailto:mark.jenkins@environment.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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