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Dear Geoff

**Broken Hill North Mine Project (SSD 7538)
Independent Environmental Audit Report 18 August 2018 to 16 August 2019**

I refer to the Independent Environmental Audit Report (Audit Report), for the reporting period from 18 August 2018 to 16 August 2019, for the Broken Hill North Mine Project (the project) submitted for the Secretary's consideration, as required under Schedule 4, Conditions 12 and 13 of SSD 7538, as modified (the approval).

The Department considers that the Audit Report, generally satisfies Condition 12 of the approval. Please note that approval of this Audit Report is not endorsement of the compliance status of the project.

The Departments notes Perilya's response and action plan. It is requested that the action plan is updated with timeframes and dates for completion and submitted to the Department by the 13 January 2020.

The Department notes several non-compliances have been identified and that these will be investigated separately by the Department. I will contact you separately to arrange a site inspection in early 2020.

Finally, in accordance with Schedule 4, Condition 14 of the approval, please make a copy of the Audit Report available on the company's website, including any other documents as required under Condition 14 and ensure that these documents are up-to-date.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact myself on the details above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. O'Reilly'.

Katrina O'Reilly
Team Leader Compliance
as nominee of the Secretary