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By email to: Geoff.Hender@perilya.com.au

Dear Mr Hender

**Broken Hill North Mine (SSD 7538)
Approval - Water Management Plan**

I refer to your submission, seeking the Secretary's review and approval of the Water Management Plan (WMP) for the Broken Hill North Mine.

The Department has reviewed the revised version of the WMP and advises that further works are required to address the Department's recommendations relating to the site water balance.

It is noted that the WMP describes that there is over 70 megalitres of dam storage capacity and that if required, excess water will be managed via the evaporation ponds or by pumping into underground workings.

Importantly, the Department notes that the project approval conditions require that Diversified Minerals must comply with section 120 of the POEO Act, unless an EPL authorises otherwise, and implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment.

On this basis, and in consideration of representations from Perilya, the Department is prepared to recommend conditional approval of the revised WMP.

Accordingly, the Secretary approves the revised WMP (dated, December 2018), in accordance with Condition 33, Schedule 3, of SSD 7538, subject to the following:

- further information is provided to the Department regarding the proposed use of Dam 57A;
- a contemporary site water balance, prepared by a suitably experienced water specialist, approved by the Secretary, be completed, to the satisfaction of the Department by 30 February; and
- submission of a revised WMP, prepared by a suitably experienced water specialist, approved by the Secretary and in consultation with the relevant agencies by 30 April 2019.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Stephen Shoesmith on 9274 6164.

Yours sincerely

 21/12/18

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Director

Resource and Energy Assessments

as nominee of the Secretary