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Dear Dr Gorey

Consultation Paper – Proposed Amendments to the Mining Legislation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), Consultation Paper on the Proposed Amendments to the Mining Legislation.

The Department of Water acknowledges and supports the DMP's on-going review of the legislative Acts it administers to ensure they remain current, address public expectations and streamline the administrative requirements of the various instruments under those Acts.

The Department of Water supports the recovery of expenditure from the Mining Rehabilitation Fund and the issuing of infringements notices under the Mining Rehabilitation Fund Regulations. The streamlining of the authorisation processes and improving public transparency of the information supplied to DMP as part of the environmental reporting requirements is also supported. The Department of Water does not have any specific comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Mining Legislation.

Should you wish to have any follow up discussions please contact Mr Tim Katsavounidis, Principal Policy Officer on (08) 6364 6878.

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