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Dear Claire Reid,

Ministerial Statement 1164 - Worsley Mine Expansion - Revised Proposal - Flora and Vegetation Management Plan - APPROVED

Thank you for submitting the *Flora and Vegetation Management Plan, (Version 2.0, WAPL-Business-CD-200001090, 16 Jan 2025)* (the Plan) for the Worsley Mine Expansion – Revised Proposal to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) for review.

I note the Plan has been prepared to satisfy Condition B12-6 of Ministerial Statement 1237 which states:

- B12-6 In order to meet the outcomes of condition B12-1, objectives of condition B12-2 and satisfy the requirements of condition C4, within twelve (12) months from the date of this Statement, and annually thereafter, the proponent shall prepare and submit an annual Flora and Vegetation Environmental Management Plan and submit it to the CEO on advice from DBCA. This plan shall:
 - (1) include details of the timing, methods, limitations, survey effort and results of the pre-clearance surveys required by conditions B12-3, B12-4 and B12-5 and demonstrate how the findings of the survey(s) have been considered, including identification of mitigation measures;
 - (2) demonstrate buffer zones are appropriately sized to adequately protect the environmental values listed in conditions B12-1(2) and B12-1(3), from the effects of forest disease, dust, weeds, changes in groundwater and surface water and fragmentation; and
 - (3) include actions to ensure that forest disease, dust, weeds, fire, changes in groundwater and surface water and fragmentation,

are appropriately managed to ensure the environmental outcomes listed in conditions B12-1(2) and B12-1(3) are met.

I am satisfied that the revised Plan titled *Flora and Vegetation Management Plan, (Version 3.0, WAPL-Business-CD-200001090, 6 Feb 2025)*, meets the requirements of condition B17-3 of Ministerial Statement 1237, and that the proponent must now implement the provisions of the Management Plan as required by condition B17-3.

Please note the requirements of Condition D5-1 that the plan must now be made publicly available.

The DWER expects that the following are reviewed and addressed in future revisions of the plan;

- the monitoring frequency for targeted flora species within the protected areas and ecological linkages should be determined following the established baseline establishment period (3 years).
- management actions should be reviewed and updated if appropriate, following the baseline establishment period (3 years).

Yours sincerely



Travis Inman
Executive Director
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Environmental Protection Authority for the Chief Executive Officer under authorisation dated 7 October 2022

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