



21 February 2025

The Hon. Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Minister Scully

Cadia Continued Operations Project – Gateway Certificate Amendment Application

The NSW Mining and Petroleum Gateway Panel (**Panel**), a subcommittee of the NSW Independent Planning Commission, has received an application from Cadia Holdings Pty Limited to amend the Gateway Certificate in respect of the Cadia Continued Operations Project, a gold mine located south-south-west of Orange in NSW in the Blayney Shire and Cabonne local government areas.

In accordance with section 2.30 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources and Energy) 2021 (Resources SEPP)*, the Panel has determined to refer the enclosed application (Attachment A) to you for advice regarding the impact of the proposed development on water resources, having regard to the minimal impact considerations set out in the Aquifer Interference Policy and any other provisions of that policy.

In accordance with section 2.30(1) of the Resources SEPP, the advice is sought within 70 days of this request, being 2 May 2025.

In order for the required advice to be informed by the necessary expertise in water resources, the Panel recommends that officers of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure be approved to engage with relevant officers of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to assist in informing the Minister's advice.

Should you have any questions, I have asked Stephen Barry of the Office of the Independent Planning Commission, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], to liaise directly with you.

Yours sincerely,

p.p. [REDACTED]

Professor Neal Menzies AM
Chair, Mining and Petroleum Gateway Panel

Attachment A: [Cadia Continued Operations Project Gateway Certificate Amendment Application](#)