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Department of  
**Environment, Science  
and Innovation**

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Dear Sir,

**Varied environmental protection order STAT-E-100336413 – DGR Global Ltd, environmental authority EPML00928813**

Background

On 18 April 2023, the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (**the department**), acting as the administering authority, issued environmental protection order (**EPO**) STAT-E-100336413 (**the varied EPO**) to DGR Global Ltd (**DGR**) with respect to activities carried out at the Shamrock mine site located on land described as mining lease (**ML**) ML50291, ML3749, ML3741, ML3678, ML3752 and ML3753, on land situated at Webb Road, BLACK SNAKE, QLD 4600.

The varied EPO was issued to secure compliance with the general environmental duty (section 319 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (the Act)) and condition C1-1 of DGR's environmental authority EPML00928813 (**the EA**) in accordance with section 358(d) of the Act.

On 17 May 2023, DGR filed an appeal against the varied EPO decision: *DGR Global Limited ACN 052 354 837 v Chief Executive Administering the Environmental Protection Act 1994*, Planning & Environment Court Appeal No. 1363/2023 (**the appeal**).

Since the commencement of the appeal, the department and DGR have engaged experts to prepare reports on relevant aspects of the matter. The expert opinion received by the department indicates:

1. There are several data gaps in the groundwater monitoring and analysis records which limit the ability to fully interpret and analyse hydrogeological data, as confirmed by two hydrogeology, hydrochemistry and groundwater experts.
2. Further hydrogeological investigations are required to be undertaken in respect of the groundwater upgradient, at and downgradient from the tailings storage facility (TSF), as advised by a hydrogeology, hydrochemistry and groundwater expert.

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The department considers that an environmental investigation will provide the detail, clarity and structure of the hydrogeological investigations required.

As a result of the above, on 13 June 2024 a notice to conduct or commission an environmental evaluation under section 326B of the Act (**environmental investigation notice**) was issued to DGR including requirements that are supported by the hydrogeology, hydrochemistry and groundwater expert referred to at item 2 above.

Withdrawal of the varied EPO

Pursuant to section 24AA of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, the department is withdrawing the varied EPO, such withdrawal having immediate effect once the department is served with a copy of a filed Notice of Discontinuance in the appeal. Noting that an environmental investigation notice has now been issued, the department considers that the varied EPO is not required.

If you have any enquiries in relation to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Jacinta Thrower, Senior Environmental Officer on 07 5459 6141 or email [sunshinecoast.esr@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:sunshinecoast.esr@des.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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