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Northern Territory Government

Via: eia.consult@nt.gov.au

Re: Invitation to Comment – Supplementary Environmental Report – Groote Eylandt Mining Company Pty Ltd (GEMCO) – Excess Water Disposal Project, Northern Territory

Dear Mr Scott,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Supplementary Environmental Report (SER) for the GEMCO Excess Water Disposal Project under the *Environment Protection Act 2019* (EP Act).

The department notes the SER confirms occurrences of the following nationally protected matters under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act):

- Listed threatened species and communities (section 18 & section 18A)
- Listed migratory species (section 20 & section 20A)

The department also notes that section 5 of the SER outlines changes to the project and includes a revised self-assessment against the Australian Government's Significant impact guidelines 1.1 — Matters of national environmental significance provided at Appendix B.

For clarity, the department has informed the proponent of their obligations under the EPBC Act regarding this project. As noted in the SER, the proponent has informed the department that, based on a revised self-assessment, they will not refer the project under the EPBC Act.

If you have any questions about our response, please contact the NT Assessments team by email at EADSAandNTSection@dcceew.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bray'.

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