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Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Submission No. 2

Ms Yuki Simmonds
Executive Officer
Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Dear Ms Simmonds,

On behalf of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide submission comments on the inquiry into greenfields mineral exploration and project development in Victoria. Under your listed terms of reference the key areas the Goulburn Broken CMA has vested interest in are:

- g) the different roles of government (this may include, but is not limited to, targeted industry engagement, facilitation and generation of geological survey information), and
- i) consideration of the costs and benefits of greenfields mineral exploration (economic, social and environmental), and whether there are opportunities to improve the management of potential conflicts between exploration and other land uses.

The Goulburn Broken CMA is interested in how the following issues will be covered in this proposed development:

- How will indigenous groups be consulted and notified of any development activity; can they be part of the planning process?
- How will broader community be consulted and notified of any development activity; can they be part of the planning process?
- What environmental impact assessment and process will be undertaken, including issues such as water quality, threatened flora and fauna impacts, adverse impacts on catchment landscape processes and biodiversity;
- What processes are in place for land remediation post activity and any management of waste?
- How will stakeholder/mining development disputes be fairly dealt with?

The Goulburn Broken CMA supports active communication with all stakeholders, supported by clear environmental accountability for any works being planned or undertaken. Should you require any further information on this submission please don't hesitate to contact Steve Wilson, Goulburn Broken CMA Land and Biodiversity Manager ph. 03 5820 1137. Thank you again for the opportunity to respond.

Yours sincerely

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