



Mr Bruce Vernon  
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Dear Mr Vernon

**Prominent Hill Copper-Gold Project, South Australia (EPBC 2005/2040)**

Thank you for your email of 2 May 2018, and accompanying letter, regarding the proposed variation to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) conditions of approval for the above project. I note in that letter your agreement to the Department's proposed variation to the conditions of approval.

As a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Energy, I have decided to vary the conditions attached to the approval in accordance with section 143(1)(c) of the EPBC Act. The action must now be undertaken in accordance with the varied conditions set out in the attached notice.

Please note that Condition 3 allows you, under certain circumstances, to implement a revised approved environmental management plan without seeking the Minister's approval. I have attached for your information guidance on 'new or increased impacts' and changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals.

As you are aware, the Department has an active monitoring program which includes monitoring inspections, desk top document reviews and audits. Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions attached to the approval so that they can be made available to the Department on request.

If you have any enquiries regarding this letter, please contact Vaughn Cox on 02 6274 2005 or [postapprovals@environment.gov.au](mailto:postapprovals@environment.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Secretary  
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6 June 2018

Encl: Variation to conditions attached to approval  
Guidance on new or increased impact