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Dear Mr Gregory

### **Revised Response to Submissions – Jackson 5 and Bungalbin East Iron Ore Proposal – Assessment No. 2031**

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) refers to your letter of 31 March 2017 to the Office of the EPA (OEPA) advising that no further changes will be made to your Response to Submissions (RtS) document and requesting that your assessment move to the next stage, that being, consideration of your proposal by the EPA and preparation of the EPA's draft assessment report.

The EPA notes the response in your letter to some of the outstanding issues identified by the OEPA and other agencies. Because you have not adequately responded to some of the key issues raised, the EPA will proceed to the next stage of assessment as provided for in Clause 10.2.6 of the *Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Administrative Procedures 2012*:

*“If an adequate response to the submissions is not forthcoming from the proponent, the EPA may proceed to complete the assessment report to the Minister provided that a reasonable period has elapsed after the provision of the submissions to the proponent, and a written notice has been given by the EPA to the proponent. In this case the EPA takes a precautionary approach to the assessment based on the information available.”*

From the date of this letter; the EPA will now proceed to assess the proposal, based on, but not limited to, information provided in the referral document, additional assessment information (including the PER document), submissions received, and the final RtS.

The EPA will now publish your final RtS document on its website, including new and revised Attachments and Appendices (with the exception of the confidential Muir Confidential Heritage Report, Appendix G). In addition, the EPA intends to publish

your most recent letter of 31 March 2017 which provides a further response to issues raised by the OEPA and agencies, unless otherwise advised.

At this stage the EPA intends to formally consider your proposal at its scheduled May meeting (Thursday 18 May). Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact [REDACTED] in the first instance. Please quote the above "Our ref" on any further correspondence.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Tom Hatton**  
CHAIRMAN

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