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Via email: anthea.pate@covalentlithium.com

Dear Anthea Pate,

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT 1199 – EARL GREY LITHIUM PROJECT (REVISED PROPOSAL) – EARL GREY LITHIUM PROJECT FLORA AND VEGETATION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION 7 – APPROVED

Thank you for your letter of 12 December 2022 submitting the *Earl Grey Lithium Project Flora and Vegetation Environmental Management Plan Revision 7* to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) for review.

I note the plan has been prepared to satisfy condition 2-4 of Ministerial Statement 1199 which states:

2-4 In order to meet the outcomes of condition 2-1, and the objectives of condition 2-2, within six (6) months of the date of this Statement, the proponent shall update the Earl Grey Lithium Project Flora and Vegetation Environmental Management Plan (July 2022). This plan shall:

(1) include details of the timing, methods, limitations, and results of the pre-clearance surveys required by condition 2-3 and demonstrate how the findings of the survey(s) have been considered, including provision of mitigation measures;

(2) describe how impacts to threatened and priority flora species outside the flora exclusion zones will be avoided where possible, and/or minimised;

(3) include actions to ensure that dust, weeds, and fire are appropriately managed within the development envelope;

(4) specify trigger criteria that must provide an early warning that the threshold criteria identified in condition 2-4(5) may not be met;

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(5) specify threshold criteria to demonstrate compliance with the environmental outcome specified in condition 2-1;

(6) specify monitoring to determine if trigger criteria and threshold criteria are Exceeded;

(7) specify trigger level actions to be implemented in the event that trigger criteria have been exceeded;

(8) specify threshold contingency actions to be implemented in the event that threshold criteria are exceeded;

(9) provide contingency measures and adaptive management techniques to ensure the outcomes of conditions 2-1 and objectives of 2-2 are met, and include options for changes to operations and reductions in disturbance; and

(10) provide the format and timing for the reporting of monitoring results against trigger criteria and threshold criteria to demonstrate that the outcome of condition 2-1 and the objectives of condition 2-2 have been met over the reporting period in the Compliance Assessment Report required by condition 8-6.

I am satisfied that the Earl Grey Lithium Project Flora and Vegetation Environmental Management Plan Revision 7, meets the requirements of condition 2-4 of Ministerial Statement 1199, and that the proponent must now implement the provisions of the Management Plan as required by condition 2-6.

Yours sincerely

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for the Chief Executive Officer under authorisation dated 7 October 2022

9 March 2023