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Dear Anthea Pate,

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT 1199 – EARL GREY LITHIUM (REVISED PROPOSAL) – EARL GREY LITHIUM PROJECT TERRESTRIAL FAUNA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION 5 – APPROVED

Thank you for your letter of 12 December 2022 submitting the *Earl Grey Lithium Project Terrestrial Fauna Environmental Management Plan Revision 5* the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) for review.

I note the plan has been prepared to satisfy condition 3-2 of Ministerial Statement 1199 which states:

3-2 In order to meet the requirements of condition 3-1, within six (6) months of approval of this Statement, the proponent shall update the Earl Grey Lithium Project Terrestrial Fauna Environmental Management Plan (April 2022). This plan shall:

(1) outline how the pre-clearance surveys will be undertaken using LIDAR or similar technology;

(2) outline the procedure for capture and release of chuditch, and malleefowl if required, prior to clearing of native vegetation;

(3) specify trigger criteria that must provide an early warning that the environmental outcomes and objectives identified in condition 3-1 may not be met;

(4) specify threshold criteria to demonstrate compliance with the environmental outcomes and objectives specified in condition 3-1;

(5) specify monitoring to determine if trigger criteria and threshold criteria are exceeded;

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

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

(8) provide contingency measures and adaptive management techniques to ensure the outcomes of conditions 3-1 are met, and include options for changes to operations and reductions in disturbance; and

(9) provide the format and timing for the reporting of monitoring results against trigger criteria and threshold criteria to demonstrate that condition 3-1 has 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 Terrestrial Fauna Environmental Management Plan Revision 5* meets the requirements of condition 3-2 of Ministerial Statement 1199, and that the proponent must now implement the provisions of the Management Plan as required by condition 3-4.

Yours sincerely

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for the Chief Executive Officer under authorisation dated 7 October 2022

9 March 2023