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Dear Mrs Cunningham

**EXHIBITION OF DRAFT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
TASMANIAN PLANNING COMMISSION
NORTH EAST WIND MAJOR PROJECT**

Thank you for providing the Draft Assessment Criteria for the Northeast Wind Major Project. Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) appreciates the Panel providing due consideration for mineral resources as outlined in criteria 4.6.1, Land use compatibility, the extent to which the major project has the potential to constrain access to, or extraction of, mineral resources of the draft assessment criteria.

To ensure the assessment criteria afford an appropriate level of consideration for mineral resources, including those yet-to-be-discovered mineral deposits, MRT requests that criteria 4.6.1 be expanded to include constraining exploration techniques.

This addition would provide additional consideration for the substantial mineral exploration occurring in the region. MRT would appreciate an active role in assessing this aspect of the Major Project to ensure potential resources are not sterilised due to the project development.

Yours sincerely

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Alastair Morton
DIRECTOR OF MINES

10 July 2023