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Department of Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning
RPI Act Development Assessment Team
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Dear Sir/Madam,

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION TO NOTIFY ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

In support of the request for an assessment application to carry out exploration activities within a Strategic Environment Area (SEA), we respectfully apply to the Chief Executive for exemption from public notification.

Pursuant to section 34 (2) (a) of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act) an applicant for an assessment application must publish a notice about the assessment if a regulation prescribes it as notifiable. Section 13 (1) of the *Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014* (RPI Regulations) prescribes that an assessment application is notifiable if the area of the regional interest in which the resource activity is proposed to be carried out is a Priority Living Area (PLA).

Therefore, in accordance with section 13 (1) of the RPI Regulations we request exemption from public notification as the assessment application is not within a PLA area of regional interest.

Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 3625 3521 or via email at Rachel.bird@riotinto.com.

Yours faithfully,



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