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Good afternoon Morag,

I hope you have been well.

I refer to the application for a Regional Interest Development Approval (RIDA) lodged by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited (RTX) on 25 September 2019. The RIDA covered two exploration permits held by RTX, EPMs 25526 & 26076 (the tenements).

As you will be aware the Department have requested additional information to support the RIDA and advised that the application would require public notification. RTX had previously requested an extension of time to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 to comply with these directions.

RTX would like to respectfully request a further twelve-month extension to this timeframe. The reasons for the further extension are that RTX will be undertaking a low-impact initial test on the tenements outside of the mapped boundary of the Strategic Environmental Area (SEA) with the hopes of completing this initial test by July 2021 and the results and recommendations are anticipated to be finalised by September 2021. This initial test work will help inform RTX of the scope of work to be carried out within the SEA and will to be able to provide the Department a better understanding of the works proposed under the RIDA. If this is successful and not impacted by delays, RTX are cognisant that there will be little time to provide the additional information to the Department as well as undertake the public notification process.

Therefore, RTX are respectfully request a further extension to comply until 30 June 2022. However, if this isn't feasible, I would appreciate any advice/feedback you could provide.

Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Kind regards,

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