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Chief Executive
NIEA

YOUR REFERENCE
AIL 2024/0003 & AIL
2024/0004

cc Water Regulation Team

By Email

DATE
9 July 2024

Re: Requests for a Public Local Inquiry under Regulation 17 of the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 for application AIL 2024 0003 & AIL 2024 0004 – NIEA, to abstract and impound water on behalf of Dalradian Gold Ltd.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 3 July 2024.

The Commission is unclear as to the purpose of the letter given that NIEA have already accepted that the representation process was unlawfully extended. For clarity, at no point has the Commission required re-submission of any representations. We have consistently referred the Department to the legislation and the legal provisions contained therein.

It is not for the Commission to advise the Department or the applicant as to how to proceed or agree with any approach being presented. Our role is to provide an opportunity for those who have made representations which fall within the scope of the public inquiry to be heard. As previously set out only those representations submitted within the statutory time period can be considered to fall within the terms of reference of the public inquiry. That statutory time period relates to the current applications and is driven by the date of advertisement which I understand from previous correspondence was 2 May 2024.

Once we are in receipt of a valid Direction and the papers in relation to AIL 2024/0003 and AIL 2024/0004, the appointed Commissioner will review them. Only when we are satisfied that there are no further procedural issues arising, will we move to confirm the new timetable.

I would be grateful if you could provide our admin team with an indication of when we will be in receipt of the relevant paperwork.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Commissioner