



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Approval

Cadia East Project (EPBC 2006/3196)

This decision is made under sections 130(1) and 133 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Proposed action

person to whom the approval is granted	Cadia Holdings Pty Ltd
proponent's ACN	062 648 006
proposed action	To construct and operate the Cadia East gold and copper mining project, located approximately 25km south-east of Orange in New South Wales, including associated infrastructure.

Approval decision

Controlling Provision	Decision
Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)	Approved

conditions of approval

This approval is subject to the conditions specified below.

expiry date of approval

This approval has effect until 30 June 2031.

Decision-maker

name and position	Michelle Wicks A/g Assistant Secretary Environment Assessment Branch
signature	
date of decision	18/2/2010



Conditions of Approval

1. The person taking the action must prepare a plan to offset the loss of 23ha of the White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland ecological community.
The plan must include:
 - The desired outcomes of implementing the plan;
 - The short (12 months from the date of the approval), medium (five years from the date of the approval) and long term measures that will be employed to implement the plan;
 - Details of how the person taking the action will provide for the long term security of the offset areas and details of the timing of when this will occur;
 - Detailed performance and completion criteria for the implementation of the plan, including details of methods to rehabilitate areas of the ecological community, and methods to control weeds, feral animals, grazing, access and bushfires;
 - A detailed description of how the performance of the implementation of the plan would be monitored over time to achieve the performance and completion criteria;
 - A description of the potential risks to successful management and rehabilitation in the offset area, and a description of the contingency measures that would be implemented to mitigate these risks; and
 - Details of who is responsible for monitoring, reviewing and implementing the plan.

The plan must be submitted to the Minister within 18 months of the date of this approval and prior to any subsidence impacts on the White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland ecological community. The plan must be approved by the Minister and the approved plan must be implemented.
2. Within 14 days of commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.
3. Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must submit to the Department a report addressing compliance with the conditions of this approval. This report must include details of how the plan required by Condition 1 has been implemented. Annual reports must be provided until the Minister is satisfied that the person taking the action has complied with all conditions of the approval.
4. Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and an audit report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the Minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.
5. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the plan referred to in Condition 1 the person taking the action must submit for the Minister's approval a revised version of the plan. If the Minister approves such a revised plan that plan must be implemented in place of the plan originally approved.
6. If the Minister believes that it is necessary or desirable for the better protection of the White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland ecological community, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the plan approved pursuant to Condition 1 and submit the revised plan for the Minister's approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved plan must be implemented in place of the plan originally approved.



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7. If, at any time after 5 years from the date of this approval, the Minister notifies the person taking the action in writing that the Minister is not satisfied that there has been substantial commencement of the action, the action must not thereafter be commenced without the written agreement of the Minister.

Definitions:

<i>Minister:</i>	the Minister responsible for the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
<i>Department:</i>	the Australian Government Department responsible for the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
<i>Commence/ commencement:</i>	commencement of construction of the underground mine and operations for the Cadia East Project
<i>Substantial Commencement:</i>	extraction of ore from Cadia East

