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Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Dear Alicia,

Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd (Barto) is seeking to amend the Clearing Permit CPS 8966/2 to remove Condition 8 from the CPS:

8. Flora Management

Where *priority flora* have been identified and their written location(s) provided to the CEO, within report 'Leviathan and Victoria Vinto La Targeted Flora Survey Memo Final, Unpublished report by Stantec Australia Pty Ltd for Tianye SXO Gold Mining Pty Ltd, Western Australia, August 2020' and 'Native Vegetation Clearing Permit Application – Significant flora recorded from the Glendower Survey Area - Memo Final, Unpublished report by Stantec Australia Pty Ltd for Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd, Western Australia, 18 March 2021' as retained on DMIRS file A1192/202001, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:

- (a) no clearing of the identified *priority flora* occurs, unless first approved by the CEO;
- (b) no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified priority flora unless first approved by the CEO.

This condition applies to the two priority flora that have been recorded during the surveys undertaken by Stantec (2020 and 2021a); *Rinzia fimbriolata* (P1) and *Stenanthemum bremerense* (P4). The number of occurrences of these species recorded within the survey area, NVCP area and disturbance footprint as per the clearing permit supporting documentation are detailed in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Number of occurrences of the two priority species as per the CPS 8966/2 supporting documentation

Species	Number of occurrences (estimated abundance)		
	Survey area	NVCP area	Disturbance footprint
<i>Rinzia fimbriolata</i> (P1)	15 (1-9)	14 (1-9)	0
<i>Stenanthemum bremerense</i> (P4)	40 (1-25)	37 (1-25)	1 (1)

During a pre-clearance survey undertaken by Stantec in April 2021 (Stantec, 2021b) several new populations of these species were recorded both within and outside the proposed disturbance



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footprint. In addition to the surveys undertaken over the project area, there are number of other occurrences of these species across the SXO tenure which have been recorded during previous surveys undertaken (Stantec 2019-2020, historical surveys 2005-2007 and DBCA database results). Further information is provided in the Stantec survey memo (2021b).

The number of total records across the tenure and number of records within the disturbance footprint and survey area are summarised in **Table 2** below and shown in **Figure 1** and **Figure 2**. These regional records (**Figure 1** and **Figure 2**) are distributed across the Barto's Life of Mine tenure and are not exclusively local to the Glendower project area.

Table 2: Number of total records of the two priority species across the Barto tenure¹

Species	Footprint		Survey Area		Regional		Total	
	Indiv*	locations	Indiv*	locations	Indiv*	locations	Indiv*	locations
<i>Rinzia fimbriolata</i> (P1)	69	9	287	44	2808	154	3164	207
<i>Stenanthemum bremerense</i> (P4)	121	13	471	72	1225	269	1817	354

*Regional records estimate "Unknown" and "Not recorded" as single species count.

**no. individuals within 20x20 m² quadrat.

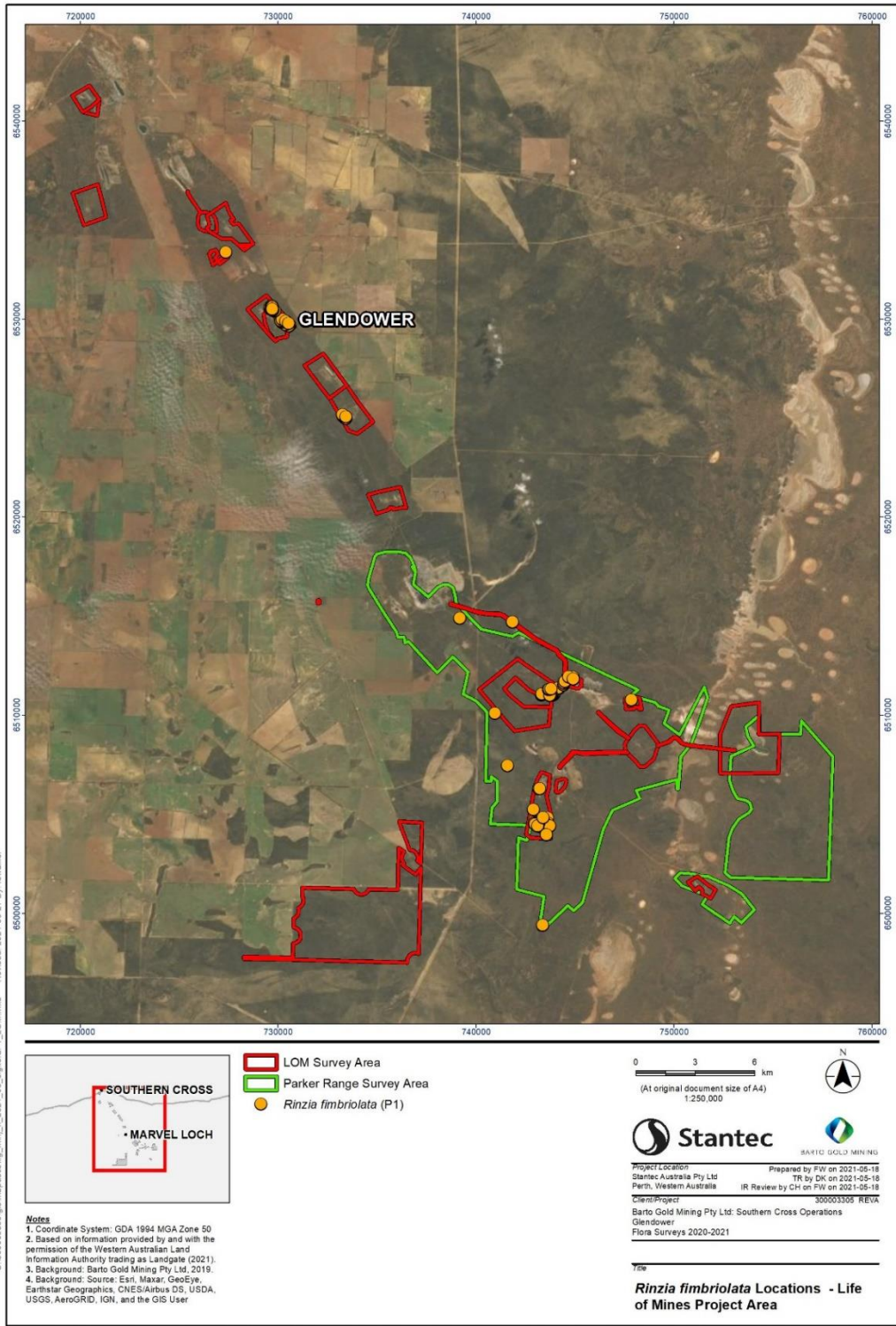
In the light of new information, it can be argued that the two species of priority flora are common in the region and are not locally significant. Consequently, we are asking that the Condition 8 is to be removed from the CPS.

¹ Please note that regional records estimate "Unknown" and "Not recorded" as single species count. In reality, the number of individuals in each location is likely to be higher as the known number of individuals per record has been between 1 and 75.





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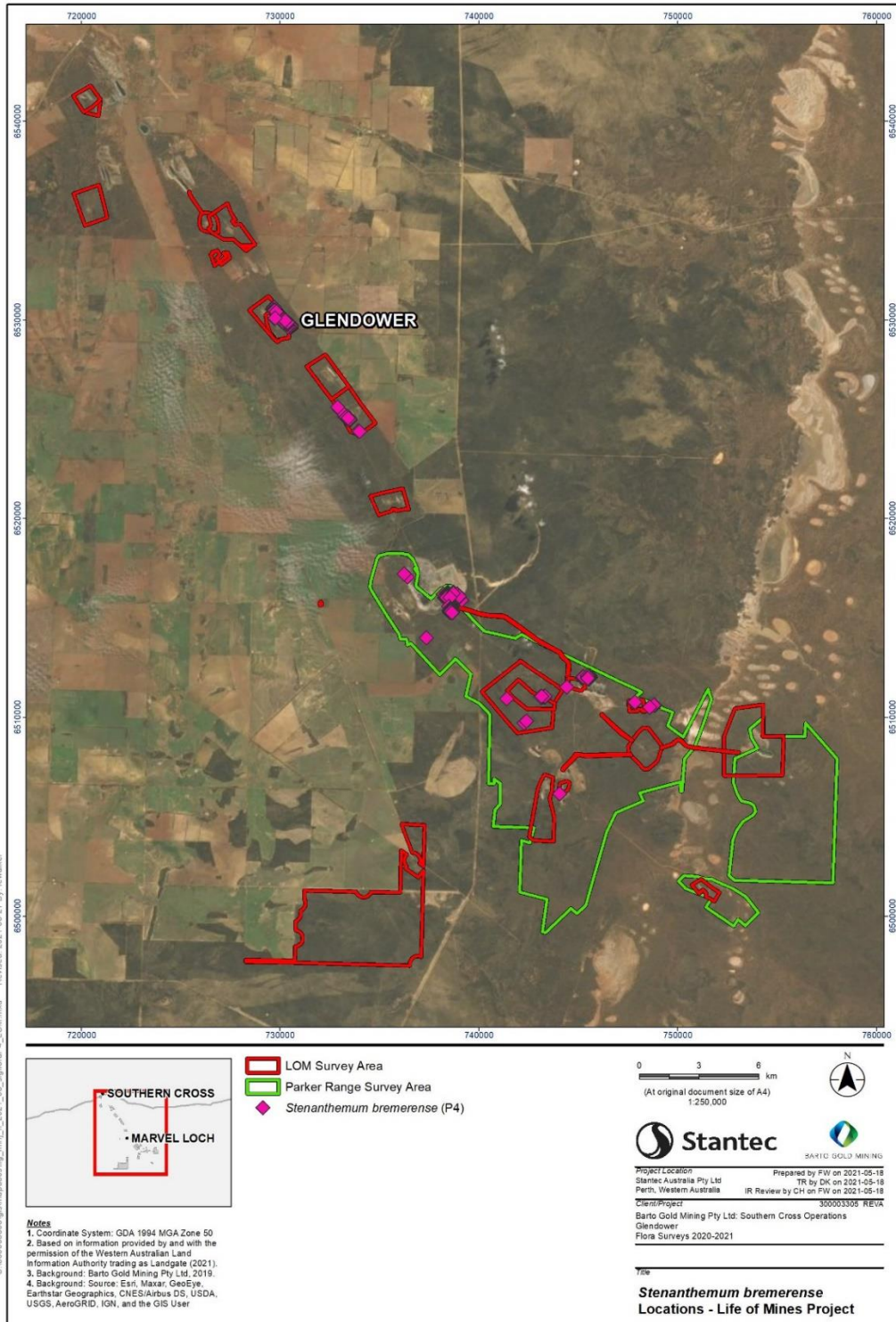


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Figure 1: Known locations of Rinzia fimbriolata (P1)



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Figure 2: Known locations of *Stenanthemum bremerense* (P4)



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Should you have any further queries on the above, please contact me directly by phone on 9081 1395 or by email at luke.sibon@minjargold.com.au.

Sincerely,

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References:

Stantec, 2020. Leviathan and Victoria Vinto La Targeted Flora Survey Memo Final, Unpublished report by Stantec Australia Pty Ltd for Tianye SXO Gold Mining Pty Ltd, Western Australia, August 2020.

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