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Dear Sir

RE: SSD-10367 - Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development

Thank you for the above State Significant Development (SSD) application referral via your email dated 26 October 2020 and requesting comment on the above-mentioned development from Lachlan Shire Council (Council).

Council is generally supportive of the proposed development and recognises the benefits that it will bring the shire and wider community. It is understood that the development will operate concurrently with the existing approved aboveground mine and extend beyond the life of the aboveground mine by approximately seven (7) years, to 2039.

It is noted that the development will result in additional traffic being generated on Council's local road network. This will be during both the construction and operation of the development and will be from vehicles accessing the mine from both the Lachlan Local Government Area (LGA) and the Forbes LGA.

It is indicated in the mitigation measures that existing monitoring of impacts on local roads and maintenance undertakings associated with the above ground mine approval would continue as part of the approved Transport Management Plan. Given that this proposed development would result in additional traffic compared to the aboveground approval and will continue operations beyond the timeframe of the above ground approval, it is considered appropriate that an equivalent condition be placed on any consent granted for this development to ensure such requirements can continue as appropriate to this development.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned on (02) 6895 1900.

Yours faithfully

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