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Director General
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Dear Sir

TOMINGLEY GOLD PROJECT - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

I refer to the above.

Council writes to advise that it has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project and find that it is deficient in the area of socio-economic impact. The EA makes the assumption that employees of the mine will not move to Peak Hill but rather will commute from Dubbo or Narromine. While the EA does acknowledge that some people already living in Peak Hill may be employed at the mine, the possibility of an influx of new residents to Peak Hill has not been considered. Council respectfully requests that the applicant provide further detail on the socio-economic impacts, including the impact this potential influx could have on services and infrastructure currently enjoyed in the Township by its residents.

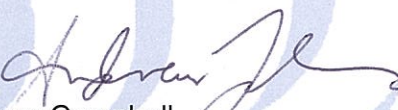
Council would also like to advise that the Tomingley West Road is a B-Double road in the Narromine Shire, but when the road crosses into the Parkes Shire, it is not a B-Double approved route and there are legislative restrictions associated with this. This should be considered when considering haulage.

Council sincerely hopes that that this request will not delay the project and it hopes that the project is a success.

Please contact Council's Manager Development Services, Andrew Johns, on 6861 2373 should you wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours faithfully

Kent Boyd
GENERAL MANAGER

per: 
Steven Campbell
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT