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Dear Caitlin

Re: Hera Modification Submissions

On the 30 June 2014 Aurelia Metals received submissions from the Bogan Shire, Cobar Shire and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) discussing their comments and concerns with the proposed change of trucking route for concentrate from the Hera Mine to the Hermidale siding. Since this time Aurelia Metals have been in consultation with the Bogan Shire and RMS to resolve the concerns which were raised during the submission process. The outcomes from the consultation phase are described below.

The Bogan Shire

The following agreements have been made between the Bogan Shire and Aurelia Metals.

- Aurelia Metals will grade the unsealed section of the Nymagee-Hermidale Road six times per year.
 - Aurelia Metals has the right to determine who performs the grading of the unsealed section of the Nymagee-Hermidale Road. Aurelia Metals understands that if a private contractor is engaged then they must have appropriate insurance as determined by council to conduct the necessary work.
 - Aurelia Metals and the Bogan Shire will inspect and review the condition on the unsealed section of the Nymagee-Hermidale Road every two months prior to the scheduled grading. If it is agreed by both the Shire and Aurelia Metals that the unsealed section of the road does not require grading, the grading will be delayed and reviewed again at a mutually agreed time
- Aurelia Metals will contribute towards the annual cost of the crushed rock and re-sheeting of the unsealed section of the Nymagee-Hermidale Road.
- Aurelia Metals will engage an independent consultant to complete a road pavement condition assessment and report on the Nymagee-Hermidale Road before Haulage commences. If any deterioration of the pavement occurs from increased road use, Aurelia Metals will be responsible for the cost of any repairs related to mine transport.
- Aurelia Metals will provide funds to upgrade the traffic control devices as recommended in the report prepared by Geolyse in May 2014.
- Hera Resources will restrict concentrate haulage during times of rainfall to prevent deterioration of the unsealed section of road.

Road and Maritime Services (RMS)

The RMS has stated that they do not object to the modification so long that Aurelia Metals do not exceed an average of two truck movements per day and only haul concentrate during daylight hours.

Cobar Shire

The Cobar Shire has no concerns with the amendment to the haulage route, so long as the Voluntary Planning Agreement is still an enforced document. Aurelia Metals have accepted this agreement. No further consultation was required with the Cobar Shire.

Aurelia Metals have consulted with the Bogan Shire the Cobar Shire and the RMS and have come to agreements with all parties. Therefore we wish to finalise our approval process for the modification of the Hera Mine concentrate route with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

If you have any questions in regards to the content of this letter please feel free to contact me on 02 6837 3003 or 0488 065 144.

Yours Sincerely



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Environmental Officer