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Dear Brittany

**Subject: Woodlawn Mine Modification 3 (MP07_0143-Mod3)
Comments in relation to Modification 3 Report**

Council has reviewed the Modification Report prepared by Onward in relation to Modification 3 for Woodlawn Mine and provides the following comments.

In relation to Section 3.4 (p.17) and final land use statement and rehabilitation commitments, it is agreed that the zone under Goulburn Mulwaree Local Environmental Plan 2009 has changed to E5 Heavy Industrial (in accordance with the State's Employment Zones reforms).

The land is zoned E5 Heavy Industrial and the rehabilitation/revegetation of mine sites is standard practice in NSW. Whilst it is appreciated that the re-introduction and presence of the Western Tablelands Dry Forest vegetation community could be considered a constraint for a future heavy industrial land use, it would be irresponsible to remediate the site with an alternate range of plant species which are not locally endemic or from the historic vegetation type for the area. Furthermore, there seems to be no reference as to what the proposed planting for this area would be.

Council would object to the use of alternate plant species now in the absence of other approved uses for the designated revegetation area. It should be noted that the revegetation of the site with any native species would potentially trigger an off set for a future development under the provisions of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

Based on the above Council would not support the changes as proposed to Schedule 3, Condition 6.

Table 3.3 Changes to Schedule 3, Condition 6 (Project rehabilitation objectives)

Condition No.	Approved Project	Proposed MOD 3 changes
Schedule 3, Condition 6	<i>Rehabilitation objectives for the Mine site (as a whole):</i> • Safe, stable and non-polluting with no final voids on the surface • Integrated with the rehabilitation of the Woodlawn Landfill • Revegetated with plant species characteristic of Western Tablelands Dry Forest vegetation community	<i>Rehabilitation objectives for all areas of the Project affected by the development the Mine site (as a whole):</i> • Safe, stable and non-polluting with no final voids on the surface • Integrated with the rehabilitation of the Woodlawn Landfill • In accordance with the final land use domains in Appendix 4 • Revegetated with plant species characteristic of Western Tablelands Dry Forest vegetation community

In relation to Section 3.5, the proposal to change the reference from a *revegetation area* to a *vegetation enhancement area* is noted. However, it is unclear given the previous section in relation to removal of a reference to revegetation with plant species characteristic of the Western Tablelands Dry Forest vegetation community that this is still referenced in the below changes as an objective. The provision below shows that this plant community is proposed to be limited to the designated revegetation area only.

Table 3.4 Changes to Schedule 3, Condition 6 (Vegetation enhancement area)

Condition No.	Approved Project	Proposed MOD 3 changes
Schedule 3, Condition 6	<i>Rehabilitation objectives for the revegetation area:</i> <i>Establish at least 71 hectares of the Western Tablelands Dry Forest vegetation community shown in Appendix 3.</i>	Rehabilitation objectives for the <i>vegetation enhancement area</i> revegetation area: Establish at least 71 hectares of the Western Tablelands Dry Forest vegetation community shown in Appendix 3.

Council would not support this element of the modification as currently proposed without having a better understanding of what is proposed for the revegetation, noting the confusion between tables 3.3 and 3.4 in relation to what is proposed to be planted in this specific area as opposed to the site as a whole. Also, there is no explanation in relation to how enhancement would be measured, therefore further information is required to be provided to justify this change.

If you require any further information, please contact Business Manager Strategic Planning, Kate Wooll on (02) 4823 4408.

Yours sincerely



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