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The Manager  
Resource and Energy Assessments  
Department of Planning and Environment  
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**Attention: Elle Clementine**

Dear Ms Clementine

**MP11\_0060 (MOD5): Northparkes Mine Extension - Temporary Haulage Route  
Response to Submissions (RtS)**

Thank you for your email on the 07 August 2019 referring the Response to Submissions (RtS) for the temporary haulage route as part of Northparkes Mine to Roads and Maritime Services for comment.

Reference is made to Roads and Maritime's previous submission in relation to the temporary haulage route dated 08 July 2019, specifically our recommendation of:

- After 12 months from the date of consent, or upon re-opening of the Goonumbla rail siding, whichever occurs first, haulage of mine materials to the Goonumbla siding is to recommence and haulage operations between the mine and the Parkes National Logistic Terminal are to cease, unless otherwise agreed by Roads and Maritime Services.

Noting the applicant's request in the RtS that the 12 months is referenced to closure of the rail between Parkes and Goonumbla, i.e. the commencement of modified haulage operations, rather than the date of approval.

Roads and Maritime does not object to the applicant seeking the ability to continue or reactivate the modified haulage route, subject to the approval by the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment, in the event access to the Goonumbla Rail Siding or that section of rail line is unavailable for an extended period.

Roads and Maritime further supports the request by Parkes Shire Council that should the temporary haulage route need to be extended or reinstated in the event the Goonumbla Rail Siding remaining unavailable that the applicant retains the restriction on haulage during school bus hours beyond the initial closure of the rail between Parkes and Goonumbla.

**Roads and Maritime Services**

It was noted in the conclusion of Appendix 3 *Transport Impact Assessment* that:

- Travel restrictions currently exist on Bogan Road and McClintocks Lane, which prohibit restricted access vehicle (B-double) and road trains (i.e. A-double) to travel within certain times during the day, which typically covers the period of which schools starts and finishes. These hours also align with the peak periods on the Newell Highway and the level crossing.
- Currently the restrictions apply for B-double and A-double as posted on the Roads and Maritime website vary in hours. Clarification of the period of non-travel should be sought accordingly.

The restriction periods of non-travel should be specified within the relevant vehicle access permit obtained through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the Driver Code of Conduct included with RtS and support the implementation of such a strategy.

Roads and Maritime makes no further submission to the RtS subject to the recommendations made in our previous submission being incorporated into the modified determination noting the aforementioned responses.

It would be appreciated if a copy of the determination for this project is forwarded to Roads and Maritime at the same time it is sent to the applicant. Should you require further information, please contact Ainsley Bruem, A/Manager Land Use Assessment, on 02 6861 1449.

Yours faithfully



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