

ADVICE RESPONSE

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Dear Brittany

Project: Atlas-Campaspe MOD 3, Snapper Mine MOD 8, Ginko Mine MOD 15 & Broken Hill MSP Mod 8
Stage: Modification Report
Development Application: SSD-5012-Mod-3, MP06_0168-Mod-8, DA251-09-01-Mod-15, DA345-11-01-Mod-8

I refer to Department of Planning and Environment correspondence dated 17 May 2022 inviting the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on the Atlas-Campaspe MOD 3, Snapper Mine MOD 8, Ginko Mine MOD 15 & Broken Hill MSP Mod 8 modifications (the Modification) submitted by Tronox Mining Australia Limited (Tronox or the Proponent).

MEG notes the following project benefits identified by the Proponent:

- allow the Atlas-Campaspe Project production to commence before the delivery of the approved mineral processing infrastructure and therefore minimise subsequent production shortfalls for Tronox in 2022 and bring forward benefits to the local and NSW economies in the form of employment
- utilise existing/approved infrastructure at the Murray-Darling Basin Operations (MBDO) without the need for additional infrastructure
- remain within existing production and transport limits described in the various MBDO approvals.

MEG is of the view that transporting ore, instead of mineral concentrate, to other MBDO sites for processing is preferable to delaying operations as it will lead to better outcomes for the NSW Government in terms of royalty payments and taxes, and better outcomes for Tronox in terms of workforce utilisation and profitability.

For enquiries on this matter, please contact the Industry Advisory & Mining Concierge Unit within the Industry Development Branch on 02 4063 6860 or mining.concierge@regional.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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