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NSW Department of Planning and Environment

Via email clay.preshaw@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

SSD MODIFICATION MP11_0060-Mod-11 - Open cut and infrastructure changes

Parkes Shire Council acknowledges Northparkes Mine (Northparkes) is a copper and gold mine located 27 kilometres north-west of Parkes. Approved operations at Northparkes include open cut and underground copper-gold mining, associated ore handling and processing activities, including the development and use of tailings storage facilities (TSFs), and product transport through to December 2032.

Mining operations at Northparkes are currently authorised under Project Approval MP 11_0060 granted on 16 July 2014 under the former Part 3A of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).

Please be advised that Council acknowledges the Proposed Modification of MP 11_0060 is being sought under section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act to provide operational improvements and efficiencies for the existing Northparkes operations and includes the following:

- expansion and deepening of mining in the approved E28NE open cut to improve resource extraction
- expansion of E28 Waste Stockpile Area
- development of an ore stockpile known as the Primary Crushed Stockpile (PCS) ore and associated ore handling facilities (collectively referred to as the PCS and Handling Area) within the approved operational area
- amended E28NE waste rock and ore haulage flexibility to the PCS and Handling Area
- adjustments to approved disturbance area associated with E22 Portal (now outside Limestone State Forest) and removal of associated Stage 2 and 3 offsetting requirements
- addition of a small operational area buffer to the south of the E31 open cut
- development of the new approximately 2.5 GL Altona Water Storage(s)

Council can confirm that in general terms it has no objections to the proposed modification as listed above.



If you require any further assistance, please contact the Department of Planning and Community Services on 6861 2373.

Yours faithfully

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