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20/05/2021

Dear Mr Freeman

**Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development (SSD-10367) and
Cowal Gold Mine – Modification 16 (DA14/98 – Mod 16)
Request for Additional Information**

I refer to the Submissions Report (RTS) and Assessment of the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development and the Cowal Gold Mine – Modification 16.

Thank you for your response dated 26 April 2021 in relation to the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Bland Shire Council (BSC) submissions. The Department is awaiting a subsequent response from TfNSW in relation to the upgrade of the Newell Highway and West Plains Road Intersection and will provide this advice once it is received. Noting that discussions between Evolution and BSC are ongoing, the Department requests that you finalise agreed terms for the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with BSC and provide confirmation of the outcomes as soon as practicable.

Further, the Department has received a response to the Submissions Report from Forbes Shire Council (FSC) - please see attached. The Department requests that you review the FSC response and provide any comments by the due date below. To assist the Department please provide further details on the existing road maintenance agreements and any community-based funding and/or contributions provided in these local government areas in your response.

The Department also notes the recent discussions regarding the potential staging of the development and requires additional information for consideration in any proposed conditions of consent. Please provide further information to clarify the specific stages of works and indicative timing for each project development stage.

If you have any questions, please contact Philip Nevill on (0) 8275 1036 or at philip.nevill@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S O'Donoghue'.

Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
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Attached: Forbes Shire Council response Submissions Report (10 May 2021)