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The Manager  
Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
GPO Box 39  
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Attention: Alice Smith

**DA14/98 MOD 11 – PROPOSED EXTENSION OF MODIFICATION – COWAL GOLD MINE,  
LAKE COWAL ROAD, WEST WYALONG**

I refer to your correspondence regarding the subject Development Application which was referred to the Roads and Maritime Services for assessment and comment.

The Application is a request to modify the development consent for the Cowal Gold Mine for the extension of the open pit mining and processing operations at the Cowal Gold Mine for an additional operational life of approximately 5 years (i.e. to 2024). The application is supported by an Environmental Assessment Report prepared by Resource Strategies Pty Ltd.

The supporting documentation indicates that the modification provides for the continuation and extension of open pit mining operations at the Cowal Gold Mine for an additional period of approximately 5 years to produce an additional 0.7 Moz of gold. It is noted that the modification does not propose to alter the maximum production rate at the Cowal Gold Mine.

From the information provided it is understood that essentially the proposal is for the extension of the life of the current mining operation with no significant changes to the factors that would impact on the current traffic generation associated with the mining operation such as extraction rate or workforce numbers. Given the above, it is considered that the modification would not result in any material change to potential traffic generation as a result of the proposal other than to prolong the use of the transport network for a further 5 years.

Roads and Maritime emphasises the need to minimise the impacts of any development on the existing public road network and maintain the level of safety, efficiency and maintenance along the road network.

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has assessed the development application and supporting information provided and would raise no objection to the modification as proposed.

Given the nature of the mining operation, the location of the subject site and the 12 hour shift work periods Roads and Maritime promotes the need to address and review workers fatigue issues particularly relating to travel to and from the subject site. It is noted that the proponent has adopted practices to encourage the use of the existing employee shuttle bus service and car pooling. It would be appropriate for fatigue issues and mitigation measures to be regularly reviewed.

Any enquiries regarding this correspondence may be referred to the Land Use Manager for Roads and Maritime Services (South West Region), Maurice Morgan, phone (02) 69371611.

**Please forward a copy of the Notice of Determination for this Development Application to the Roads and Maritime Services at the same time as advising the applicant.**

Yours faithfully



Per:  
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Acting Regional Manager  
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