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Contact: Guy Marchant

Attention: Director, Mining & Industry Projects
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Modification to Cowal Gold Mine Project (DA 14/98)

Dear Sir/Madam

Council is pleased to offer its ongoing support for the Cowal Gold Mine development, in particular the current modification application now before the Department.

Barrick, the owner of the mine, has proven to be a strong corporate citizen and has provided our local community with many opportunities in the areas of youth sports, social activities, capacity building and road safety initiatives just to name a few.

The operation of the Cowal Environmental Management Community Committee (CEMCC) is also proving to be very beneficial in allowing interaction between the public and the mine in respect to environmental issues.

In addition, Bland Shire Council, along with Lachlan and Forbes councils, have recently entered into a MOU in regard to road funding being provided by Barrick based on recent road safety audits.

The commitment of Barrick, in seeking an extension to the life of the Cowal Gold Mine, is to be applauded as, if successful, the economic viability of the Bland Shire will continue to be enhanced as long as this mine is operating within our Shire.

Should you have any questions in regard to this matter please contact Council's Manager of Development Services, Mr. Guy Marchant on 02 6979 0281.

Yours sincerely

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