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Dear Michael

## SSI – 9487 Inland Rail Narromine to Narrabri – Submission from Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd (TGO)

The Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alkane Resources Ltd and is located at Tomingley which is approximately 50km southwest of Dubbo in central west NSW. Mining operations commenced in 2014 with both open cut and underground operations with 60,000 to 80,000 ounces of gold produced annually. Alkane are currently in the process of seeking State Significant Development (SSD) approval for the Tomingley Gold Extension Project which is based on deposits to the south of TGO and if approved will extend the life of TGO by at least 7 to 10 years.

Central to production at TGO is a reliable and secure water supply and this is currently sourced from a Licensed bore held by TGO on the property "Woodlands". This is located approximately 8 km to the east of Narromine between the Macquarie River and Mitchell Highway. Bore water is pumped to TGO via an underground pipeline which is located in the road reserve of various local roads to the south and east of Narromine and is shown on the attached Figures 1.3 and 1.4.

TGO has several concerns with the Narromine to Narrabri section of the Inland Rail.

- 1. The study area for the proposed route appears to have potential to impact the water supply infrastructure near Pinedene Road and Wallaby Road and TGO requests that consultation be undertaken with TGO to ensure TGO assets are not affected by any activities associated with the Inland Rail project, and
- 2. TGO have not been contacted directly by anyone associated with the Project which raises concerns that the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) are not aware of infrastructure such as this within the proposed route.

TGO would be more than happy to provide further detail on this matter directly with the ARTC if necessary.

If you have any questions in respect of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the site Environmental Coordinator – David Pritchard on mobile 0407010355 or email dpritchard@alkane.com.au

Yours sincerely

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