

9 September 2015

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Dear Paul

RE: Submission to Modification Request: Hera Gold Project (MOD 3)

Reference is made to your correspondence in relation to the third modification to the Hera Gold Project.

Council wishes to submit the following for consideration:

1. In June 2014, Council resolved to support the original application submitted to the Department subject to inclusion of the following conditions of consent:
 - Hera Resources are responsible for the cost of grading the unsealed section of the Nymagee-Hermidale Road once every two months.
 - Hera Resources contribute towards the cost of the annual crushed rock re-sheeting of the unsealed section of the Nymagee-Hermidale Road.
 - Hera Resources to engage an independent consultant to complete a road pavement condition assessment and report of the Nymagee-Hermidale Road before haulage commences. If any deterioration of the pavement occurs from increased road use, Hera Resources would be responsible for the cost of any repairs related to mine transport.
 - Hera Resources provide funds to upgrade the traffic control devices as recommended in the report prepared by Geolyse in May 2014.
 - Hera Resources will restrict concentrate haulage during times of rainfall to prevent deterioration of the unsealed section of road.
2. Previous experience with mine haulage routes on our unsealed roads has shown that grading needs to be much more frequent than Council's scheduled maintenance grades of three (3) per annum.
3. If Council's cost of maintenance of the Nymagee-Hermidale road increases, funds will need to be reduced on other regional roads within the shire and residents of Bogan Shire will be directly affected by the project.

Based on previous agreements, Hera Resources have contributed to 50% of the annual costs of the re-sheeting program to the Nymagee–Hermidale Road, contributed towards the annual cost of the crushed rock re-sheeting and we note the traffic control devices have been implemented as previously requested.

As a result of the proposal to increase production and processing rates, Council wishes to ensure the abovementioned arrangements continue under the proposed modification, if approved. Council wishes to ensure that the Nymagee-Hermidale Road is maintained and kept in a safe condition for all users.

Council would appreciate notification of the determination in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Bourke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Graeme Bourke
Manager of Engineering Services