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Dear Elle

**Rasp Mine MOD 4 (PA 07\_0018 MOD 4) – Environmental Assessment (EA) Exhibition**

I refer to your email dated 13 April 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (DRG) to provide comments on the above application submitted by Broken hill Operations Pty Ltd (the Proponent).

DRG has reviewed the information supplied and provides the following advice:

DRG acknowledges that the proponent has considered resource sterilisation when presenting a number of alternative options for the extension of the Tailings Storage Facility 2 (TSF2) and that any resources in the area of the Blackwood's Open Cut (the preferred option) have already been mined and any remnant mineralisation sterilised is from prior backfill of waste at the Rasp Mine. The proposal to develop a concrete batching plant should not have an impact on resource sterilisation due to the (relatively) small area footprint, and as such there are no current concerns regarding land use or resource sterilisation by the proposal on review of the EA.

DRG views that the requirements for rehabilitation, as detailed in the SEARs, have not been adequately addressed.

DRG maintains its current position that the Proponent's Rehabilitation Management Plan/Mining Operations Plan (MOP) as required under the existing consent and mining lease is inadequate. As the EA does not provide sufficient information on how the proposed TSF2 will be effectively rehabilitated to support final land use outcomes, modification will need to be integrated as part of the Rehabilitation Strategy for the entire Rasp Mine.

DRG requests that, should the application be approved, a condition be imposed requiring the submission of a Rehabilitation Strategy for the mine incorporating the area associated with this application. This will allow for a more suitable rehabilitation methodology for the TSF2 to be derived and implemented, in line with the rest of the mine. DRG requests drafting review of any condition prior to inclusion within any consent.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Adam Banister, Acting Senior Advisory Officer, Royalties & Advisory Services on 02 4931 6439.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. W. Banister', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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12 May 2017

For  
Zane West  
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