



Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services

Reference: ML97/3133

19th December 2011

The Manager
Major Development Assessment
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Attn: Ms F Greenway

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Re: Eviron Road Quarry and Land Fill Project, Tweed Shire
08_0067 & 08_00678**

Thank you for your letter of 11th November, 2011 concerning the subject Environmental Assessment.

This is a further response from NSW Trade & Investment – Mineral Resources Branch following revision of earlier draft Environmental Assessments.

Mineral Resources issues

The current version of the Environmental Assessment has now essentially overcome the Department's concerns with the geological and resource assessment (Appendix D) of previous drafts by:

- Revising layer densities in table 5 to values in line with expectation, and by consequently also revising derived estimates of Bench Tonnages, Production Schedules and Material Schedules;
- Replacing Figures 3 and 4 with new figures that lack the obvious geological deficiencies of earlier diagrams;
- Addressing the potential for pyrite concentrations to host economic metalliferous mineralisation (no evidence found);
- Improving the background geological overview;
- Improving the site geological assessment and by foreshadowing a program of later site geological investigations to be supported by geophysics and drilling; and
- Improving the legibility of certain diagrams.

DTIRIS - Mineral Resources Branch raises no issues of concern regarding the suitability of the revised geological and resource assessment for matters within its purview, namely the State's mineral and extractive resources. The geological adequacy for other aspects of what is largely a civil project, is left to the consent authority.

If you have any queries concerning mineral resources issues please do not hesitate to call Jeff Brownlow in the Department's Armidale Office on 6738 8513.

Please note future correspondence should be addressed to Ms Cressida Gilmore who has been appointed as Chief Geoscientist following the retirement of the addressee, Mr Paterson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Gilmore'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

C Gilmore
Chief Geoscientist Land Use
DTIRIS - Resources & Energy Division