

# Broken Hill City Council

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Department of Planning Mining & Industry Projects GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir,

## Subject: Part 3A Application by Broken Hill Operations Pty Ltd Your Ref: Rasp Project (07\_0018)

Broken Hill City Council wishes to make the following submission in relation to this particular application.

## 1. Economic and Social Impacts

Broken Hill City Council supports the development of suitable mining activities in the City of Broken Hill within the areas located within the 1(m) Mining Zone under the provisions of the Broken Hill Local Environmental Plan 1996 (although the local planning provisions are not applicable with particular instance). Council is of the opinion that the economic and social impacts as indicated in the EAR of this development will have positive impacts for the community and the City as a whole and should be supported.

The project also aligns with the Integrated Strategic Plan "A Sustainable Future for Broken Hill" 2010/2030 which was adopted by Council on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. In particular this project aligns with Key Directive No. 2 Our Economy in which Council strives to achieve "a viable, cultured and economic base within the City and surrounding region that contributes to prosperous economy and vibrant lifestyle".

2. Environmental Impacts

Broken Hill City Council is supportive of mining operations that can be conducted in an environmentally sustainable manner without any adverse impacts on the surrounding neighbourhood and the wider community. The EAR demonstrates a responsible approach to these matters with corresponding commitments to ongoing monitoring and management programs. It is suggested that the commitments and actual monitoring locations could be specified in any approval conditions should consent be issued.

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### 3. Heritage Impacts

It is also suggested that the proposed Heritage Management Plan should be developed as a Conservation Management Plan providing a strategic framework for all heritage items located on the Lease based on the principles of the Burra Charter.

### 4. Traffic Management and Road Pavement

The access to the site from Eyre Street should be assessed to determine the capability of the existing road pavement to withstand the intended road traffic movements. Any upgrading of the road pavement should be at the full cost of the developer. Any ongoing road maintenance issues in relation to this development should also be the responsibility of the developer.

The access to the site should also be assessed to determine the need for traffic management devices to be installed to ensure that all traffic movements can be carried out safely to ensure that all vehicles can satisfactorily queue and carry out turning movements without crossing the entire line of the road or without causing other traffic management issues. Particular attention should be directed to heavy vehicle turning movements from Eyre Street in a westerly direction and any impacts on the Comstock Street intersection.

Broken Hill City Council also facilitates the meetings of the Broken Hill Lead Reference Group which is due to have its quarterly meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2010.

This group provides a co-ordinated whole of community approach to the management of Environmental Lead in the City of Broken Hill. Given the timing of this meeting it would be appreciated if the comments of this group could be provided to the Department after the scheduled meeting.

If any matter requires clarification please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

<u>P. OLDSEN</u> <u>GROUP MANAGER SUSTAINABILITY</u>