



## Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Donnelley,

**Rasp Silver, Lead, Zinc Mine (PA 07\_0018 Mod 3)  
Proposed Modification**

I refer to your email dated 17 November 2014 requesting advice from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter.

Comment by Crown Lands

Provided the mitigation measures described in the Environmental Assessment are followed, Crown Lands has no comments regarding the extension.

For further information please contact Rebecca Johnson, Co-ordinator Client Services, (Newcastle Office) on 4920 5040 or at [rebecca.johnson@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.johnson@crowland.nsw.gov.au).

Comment by NSW Office of Water

The NSW Office of Water has reviewed the exhibited Environmental Assessment (EA) for the modification to the Rasp Mine Project. The following comments are provided for consideration in assessment of the project.

- The modification proposes to extend its underground mining operations to the southwest of CML7 to include Block 7. This is to access additional mining resources in the form of main lode pillars and zinc lodes which are to be mined over 2 to 3 years. No increase in the current maximum extraction rate of 750 000 t per annum is proposed.

Section 3.9 of the EA indicates no additional dewatering will be required as the proposed mining area is above the groundwater table. No increase in operational water demand is proposed.

For further information please contact Tim Baker, Senior Water Regulation Officer (Dubbo Office) on 6841 7403 or at [tim.baker@water.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tim.baker@water.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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