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The Hon. Brad Hazard, MP  
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure  
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1 Farrer Place  
**SYDNEY NSW 2000**

**Subject: Northparkes Step Change extension project (PA 11\_0060)**

Dear Minister Hazard

I write to inform you of Forbes Shire Council's support for the above project application from Northparkes Mines. Council met on 15 April 2013 to consider the project and resolved to support it based on the positive economic activity within our shire and that it will not exceed the permissible extraction amount of 4.5 Gigalitres per annum (*copy of council resolution attached*).

In supporting the project application I do note that Northparkes employs approximately 10 per cent of their workforce from the Forbes Shire (directly injecting approximately \$3.2 million per annum) and directly spends approximately \$30 million on goods and services in the local region.

Importantly Northparkes has worked effectively with local landholders and water users around the possible impacts of the project, along with the opportunities available for the community. This engagement from the early stages of the project has enabled council to offer formal support for the mine life extension project.

If you wish to discuss this letter or any other matter please do not hesitate to contact me on the above numbers.

Yours sincerely



Cr Ron Penny  
**MAYOR**

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## **CLAUSE 1 – NORTHPARKES MINES STEP CHANGE PROJECT**

**387 RESOLVED**

**That Council:**

- i). support the Northparkes Step Change Project on the basis of not exceeding the existing permissible extraction amount of 4.5GL in water extractions from the Forbes Shire;**
- ii). write to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure notifying him of this resolution. *(Cr P Miller/Cr M Jelbart)***