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Attention Jack Turner
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Dear Sir,

**Re: Atlas-Campaspe Mineral Sands Project - SSD 5012 Mod 2 - Shuttle Bus - Tronox -
Additional Referral to Council**

Reference is made to Councils original letter of advice as to the subject of this Modification.

Council would like to advise that it has had a meeting with the proponent to discuss the proposed bus route and to discuss the Councils concerns in the operation of a bus in this remote area.

As part of Councils consultation, it discussed the need for an independent review of the roads to be used by the bus company to determine a number of factors including;

- The suitability of the roads for bus travel,
- The long term maintenance and maintenance periods to be undertaken to ensure a safe road surface
- The use of the road in wet periods, after storm events and required capital improvements to ensure safety
- The costs of the works to be undertaken both in Balranald Shire and Wentworth Shire areas
- The potential for joint grant funding to improve the road network
- The proponents' contribution towards the costs of capital and yearly maintenance works
- The safety of road users due to no communications
- The accident potential of the general road users.

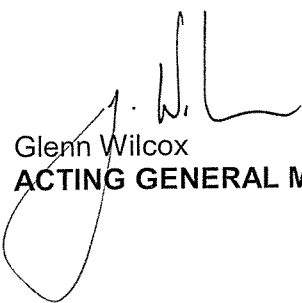
The advice provided as to the road condition is that it is a rural collector road that has tourist traffic. It is generally an all-weather road but is also closed to the public use in periods of rain and it has major water drainage issues. The soil type does not support wet weather use by large vehicles. Council raised these concerns and further discussed that it would meet with Wentworth Shire Council in early March to discuss these issues.

The road to be used is a public road and Council accepts that the bus company could use the road in the present condition. Council also advises again that the road is maintained under its Rural Road Policy by grading the natural material, once per year.

Council is restricted in funding to make any major contribution to the grading maintenance or to any capital improvements for this road. Council's road network is in a poor condition and any works undertaken to this road have been provided through grant funding only.

Council supports the proposal of the applicant and is supportive of the development of the mine noting the limitations and need for investigations as detailed above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Wilcox', with a large, loopy flourish extending from the bottom left.

Glenn Wilcox

ACTING GENERAL MANAGER