

Notice of decision

Atlas-Campaspe Mineral Sands Project – Modification 1

Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Application type	State significant development modification
Application number and project name	SSD 5012 MOD 1 - Atlas-Campaspe Mineral Sands Project - Modification 1
Applicant	Tronox Mining Australia Limited
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Decision

The Director – Resource Assessments, under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has, under Section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) modified the consent subject to the recommended conditions.

The instrument of modification, conditions and the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment's assessment report is available at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/13586>

Date of decision

17 December 2019

Reasons for decision

The following matters were taken into consideration in making this decision:

- the relevant matters listed in section 4.15 of the Act and the additional matters listed in the statutory context section of the Department's Assessment Report;
- the prescribed matters under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*;
- the reasons given by the consent authority for the grant of the original consent;
- the objects of the Act;
- all information submitted with the modification application during the assessment and information considered in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the submissions made concerning the modification; and
- the views of the local council about the project (see Attachment 1).

The findings and recommendations set out in the Department's Assessment Report were accepted and adopted as the reasons for making this decision.

The decision maker was satisfied that the development to which the consent as modified relates is substantially the same development as the development for which consent was originally granted was modified.

The key reasons for granting the modification are as follows:

- the modification would improve the efficiency of the mine and reduce native vegetation clearing by 12 hectares;
- the modification is permissible with consent, and is consistent with NSW Government policies
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable NSW Government policies and standards;
- the issues raised during consultation and in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed through the recommended conditions of consent; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the modification is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department exhibited the modification from 2 August 2019 until 15 August 2019 (14 days) and received no objections.

The key issue raised by Balranald Shire Council and considered in the Department's Assessment Report and by the decision maker was the impacts of the project on the road network. Other issues are addressed in detail in the Department's Assessment Report.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Consideration</i>
<i>Traffic</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light vehicle access and road maintenance	<i>Assessment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed light vehicle access route for project-related vehicles would require certain local roads to be upgraded and maintained <i>Conditions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Applicant is required to pay Balranald Shire Council to undertake road upgrades to allow regular light vehicle access on certain local roads.• The Applicant is required to pay Balranald Shire Council to maintain local roads on the light vehicle access route.