

File No: SC323
25 January 2021

Attn: Director – Resource Assessments
Planning and Assessment,
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Locked Bag 5022
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS PTY LTD – MOD 5 – PA 09_0155 - SUBMISSION

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposal to modify the existing approval *'to develop, operate and rehabilitate an open cut and underground gold mine and associated infrastructure; including extracting and processing up to 1.5 million tonnes of gold ore per year for up to 10 years and transporting the processed ore from the site via road'*. It is acknowledged that the modification seeks to extend the project site boundary to incorporate construction and use of a new Residual Storage Facility (referred to as RSF2), and extension of the project life from 31 December 2022 to 31 December 2025.

Council is supportive of the project overall. The Modification Report does not reference the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), however, the LSPS includes strategic support for the project, and acknowledges Tomingley Gold Operations as one of the Shire's largest employers.

The village of Tomingley, located on the Newell Highway, is the southern access point for the Tomingley/Narromine/Gilgandra loop, which is becoming an increasingly important road freight corridor in NSW. Having a clear indication of road impacts is important. As indicated pre-lodgment, where any changes are proposed to the road use and off-site transportation, Council encouraged the developers to directly engage with Council's Department of Infrastructure and Engineering Services. This is reiterated at this stage.

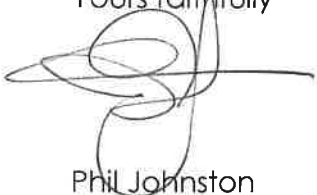
Clearer understanding of the impact of the construction period and traffic would be of benefit. Page 96 of the Modification Report indicates as justification for assuming traffic and transportation will be unaffected, that the *"Proposed modification would result in immaterial additional heavy vehicle movements to the TGO Mine Site during construction, associated with the mobilization and demobilization of equipment"*. This is not clearly demonstrated in the report with any specific detail. Expected traffic volumes and movements on Council owned and managed roads are sought to be provided.

Council will welcome discussions regarding the Planning Agreement and change to the approved mine life. It is acknowledged that with the Proposed Tomingley Gold Extension Project, as referenced in the Report, a further comprehensive review of the Planning Agreement will also be necessary.

It is noted that the development land is partially mapped as "Sensitive Area" on the Terrestrial Biodiversity Map. Clause 6.4 Terrestrial biodiversity of the Narromine Local Environmental Plan 2011 applies.

Please contact Emma Yule, Manager Planning on 6889 9999 if you have any queries or would like to discuss the future application further.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil Johnston', written over a horizontal line.

Phil Johnston
Director Community & Economic Development