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Dear Emeritus Professor O'Kane

Sunrise Mine – Modification (DA 374-11-00 MOD 4)

The Department has completed its assessment of a modification application for the Sunrise Mine, which is located 45 km northeast of Condobolin in the Central West Region of NSW.

The mine was approved by the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning in 2001, and there are components of the project located in the Lachlan, Parkes and Forbes local government areas.

The mine is yet to commence operations, and the proposed modification involves a number of modifications to the approved project including changes to the mineral processing facility and mine layout, an additional supply of limestone for the processing facility, and a diversification of the mine's water supply arrangements to include surface water from the Lachlan River.

In accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 14 September 2011, the application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination, as there were more than 25 objections and Forbes Shire Council objected to the proposed modification.

The Department exhibited the modification application and accompanying Environmental Assessment (EA) from 24 October 2017 until 11 November 2017. During the exhibition, the Department received a total of 54 submissions, including 10 from public authorities, and 44 from the general public (of which 39 objected).

The Department visited the site and held community information sessions in Fifield and Trundle following the exhibition period. The Department also consulted extensively with community representatives during the assessment process and considered a number of issues raised outside the formal exhibition period.

The Department also consulted further with the proponent and with relevant government agencies.

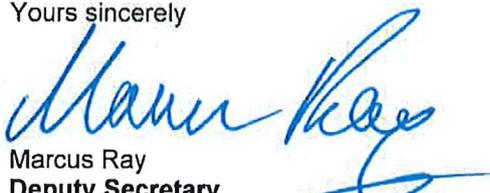
This has resulted in a number of changes that would reduce the potential impacts of the project on the environment and the local community.

I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report, recommended conditions and all other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

Based on its assessment, the Department considers that the proposal is approvable, subject to a number of additional conditions to further strengthen the existing development consent for the mine.

If you have any further questions or would like the Department to brief the Commission about its assessment, please contact Mr Clay Preshaw, Director Resource and Energy Assessments, on 9274 6349.

Yours sincerely


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