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By email to: Geoff.Hender@perilya.com.au

Dear Mr Hender

**Broken Hill North Mine (SSD 7538)
Extension - Road Upgrades**

I refer to your letter dated 7 December 2018, seeking the Secretary's review and approval to extend the timing of road upgrades required for the Broken Hill North Mine (BHN).

I note that Perilya has completed the Potosi-North Mine haulage road and the Barrier Highway upgrades and that the NSW Road and Maritime Service (RMS) and Broken Hill Shire Council (BHSC) would complete the remaining road upgrades by the end of the 2018/19 financial year.

The Department has considered the information you have provided and sought advice from RMS and BHSC, with both RMS and BHSC confirming that traffic risks can be managed through mitigation and maintenance measures until road upgrades are implemented.

RMS noted the importance of communication at intersections and BHSC confirmed that the existing temporary maintenance program is effective for managing road safety.

The Department does not object to a conditional approval of Perilya's request to commence ore haulage prior to implementing the road upgrades.

Accordingly, the Secretary approves a deferred implementation of road upgrades to 30 June 2019, in accordance with Condition 25, Schedule 3, of SSD 7538, subject to the following:

- the Perilya Transport Management Plan (TMP) including details of how road safety will be maintained prior to the road upgrades;
- the TMP detailing a communication protocol for truck operators approaching intersections to ensure two haulage vehicles don't meet at the same time;
- Perilya maintaining its commitment to contribute financially to the upgrades; and
- Perilya reporting road maintenance issues to BHSC and RMS as soon as possible.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Stephen Shoesmith on 9274 6164.

Yours sincerely

 20/12/18

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Resource and Energy Assessments
as nominee of the Secretary