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Ms Rachel Heath
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Dear Ms Heath

With regard to Heavy Haulage fees which may be included as a condition to the proposed development of Bentley Quarry should it be approved, I advise Council's position is as follows;

We are not aware of a legal mechanism being in place for heavy haulage fees to be applied to activities in one local government area, to then be provided to another local government area. This would set a very dangerous and complicated precedent. It would require Lismore City Council to undertake the same assessment of the businesses that operates in its area, that are subject to a heavy haulage levies, and then utilise the roads across the Richmond Valley and provide a proportion of its levies to our Council.

This issue has been raised by an individual Councillor from Lismore and is not a resolved position of Lismore City Council.

All councils in the Northern Rivers area have industries that impact on each other's roads and we accept this as normal business. We are confident that Lismore City Council's formal position would align with our approach.

Thank you for requesting our position on this matter; we await the outcomes of the Panel's deliberations and respect any decisions it makes.

Yours sincerely

Vaughan Macdonald
General Manager

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