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Dear Ms Thompson

**Re: Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013 - Planning Proposal – Rural
Residential Lot Sizes - Various properties – Coolagolite, Millingandi, Bermagui,
Wonboyn and Tathra**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Trade & Investment (DTIRIS) – Mineral Resources Branch (MRB). The Department of Primary Industries, incorporating advice from Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests NSW may respond separately.

Background Information

MRB recently completed a state-wide Mineral Resource Audit (MRA) and data for the Bega Valley Local government Area (LGA) was forwarded to council in August 2012. The MRA data has since been re- issued to Bega Valley Council in June 2014. The MRA was conducted in accordance with Section 117(2) Direction 1.3 – Mining, Petroleum and Extractive Industries of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The MRA mapping shows identified and potential (non-energy) resource areas within the LGA (energy resources will be supplied as a supplement when they become available).

The MRA data also shows transition areas (formerly referred to as 'buffer' zones). Transition areas are an indicative area surrounding an identified resource (or operating mine or quarry). They indicate an area that may possibly be impacted by potential activities associated with mining or quarrying operations such as noise, vibration, dust, traffic etc. Transition areas were designed for use as a tool for planners to assist them when considering potential impacts and to minimise (avoid if possible) potential land use conflict due to encroaching incompatible development.

Specific Issues

MRB have reviewed each discrete subject area identified as *Subject Area 1* through 6 from pages 2 & 3 within: *Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013, Planning Proposal : Rural Residential Lot Sizes - August 2013*.

Subject Area 1

Figure 1 displays *Subject Area 1 - Various lots - Bermagui Road, Coolagolite*. MRB notes that the south western portion of Subject Area 1 is positioned less than 150m from an identified resource known as the *Blue Shale Quarry* operated intermittently by Bermagui Sand and Gravel Pty Ltd and less than 400m from *Costins Pit* operated intermittently by Bega Valley Shire Council. Both quarries extract road base material through non- blasting techniques. The associated transition areas are also displayed in Figure 1.

Subject Areas 2-6

MRB has no concerns associated with the objectives and intended outcomes of the amendments to the *Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013* in regard to Subject Areas 2-6.

MRB acknowledges the efforts made by Bega Valley Council to include information on extractive industries. MRB notes however that the resource mapping data used in the planning proposal is out-of-date. MRB recommends that the planning proposal is updated to reflect the most recent resource data available (MRA data sent to council in June 2014).

Geoscience Information Services

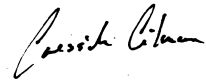
MRB has a range of online data available on line through the following website address:
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles/online-services>

This site hosts a range of data to enable research into exploration, land use and general geoscience topics. Additionally, the location of exploration and mining titles in NSW may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities:

1. **MinView** allows on-line interactive display and query of exploration tenement information and geoscience data. It allows spatial selection, display and download of geological coverages, mineral deposits and mine locations, geophysical survey boundaries, drillhole locations, historical and current exploration title boundaries and other spatial datasets of New South Wales. This online service is available at:
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services/minview>
2. **NSW Titles** enables the public to access and view frequently updated titles mapping information across NSW. This online service is available at:
<http://nswtitles.minerals.nsw.gov.au/nswtitles/>

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the MRB Land Use team at landuse.minerals@trade.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cressida Gilmore', written in a cursive style.

Cressida Gilmore
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Figure 1

Bega Valley LEP - Planning Proposal Amendment - Subject Area 1

