



General Manager—Cobar Shire Council,

RE: SUBMISSION OF SUPPORT—DA No. 2019/LD --00023

I have read through the submission report compiled for Rovest Holdings Pty Ltd and whilst I am not an expert in the field of Development Applications I found that this document appears to cover all points listed within the document and has supplied me with quite an extensive body of information regarding all facets of the Mining Camp proposed extension.

When I requested the Camp Manager Milad Elia to have a tour of the facility, I was provided with open access & no questions I asked were off limits. I found a clean, modern accommodation facility that has a recently upgraded kitchen & dining area with adjoining gym, recreation room & a number of accommodation units with a bedroom air conditioner & their own private bathroom.

I am of the opinion that the existing camp over its 8 years of operation has not caused any problems or inappropriate behaviour that I could confirm.

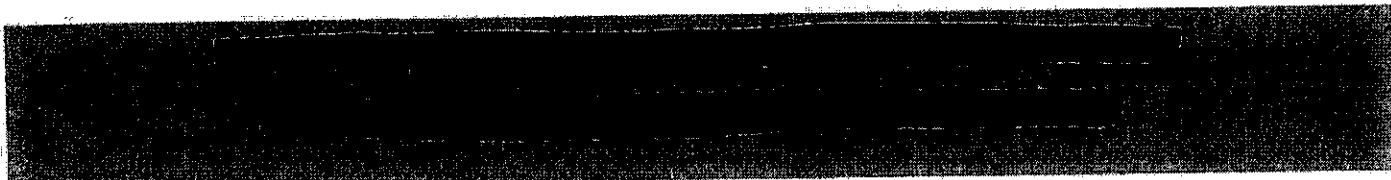
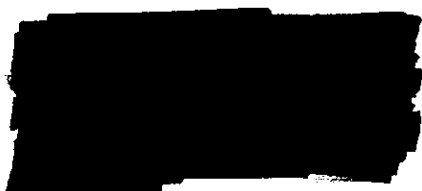
I have spoken directly to the CEO of Pybar to clarify a number of items that the general public are bringing to the fore and I am confident that much of the 'talk' regarding where & how the Contractors be accommodated, what their preference is & what the Contractors contribute to this town & also what the Hospitality arm of the Camp contribute is in many cases completely misguided. I am of the opinion that a group of people are attempting to have a DA blocked, and in reality have no information to substantiate their claims or what they are saying 'should happen' is out of their control.

The information I have gathered is quite simple—the Contracting company would rather have a residential workforce which means the workers live in a house in Cobar which they buy or rent, they bring their families to town and the Contracting company saves thousands of dollars by not having to fly them in & out, the workers don't have to drive home at the end of the roster & the town thrives. HOWEVER the main problem is the Contracting companies have been unsuccessful in being able to source these people who wish to make Cobar their home so they are left with a FIFO, DIDO workforce.

I have recently been advised that of the 130 people that were put off at Endeavor mine only 6 people took up the option to work for two of the contracting companies that sought residential workers.

I have included a number of letters of support from businesses in Cobar and have also provided a very basic survey to a cross section at the Camp—some employees & some FIFO/DIDO contractors—the results attached.

Yours sincerely



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Mr P Vlatko
General Manager
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Date: 4 September 2019

Dear Mr. Vlatko,

Re: Response to Development Application 2019/LD-00023 for Expansion of Cobar Mine Workers Village Lot 991 Barrier Highway, Cobar

Thank you for providing [REDACTED] an opportunity to comment on the Development Application 2019/LD-00023 seeking approval for the expansion of the Cobar Mine Workers Village. [REDACTED] note that the intent of the Development Application is to expand the Cobar Mining Village to accommodate the short-term fluctuating workforce associated with the mining and construction industry in and surrounding Cobar.

[REDACTED] would like to categorically state that it does not support a FIFO/DIDO workforce and understand the concerns that this creates for a small community such as Cobar. However, construction and exploration projects sometimes require specialised personnel for short periods of time which require short-term accommodation options. This applies to all industry in Cobar including electricity supply, gas pipelines, etc. not just mining.

[REDACTED] do have short-term exploration and construction projects from time to time and have previously been questioned by Cobar Shire Council (Council) about where these personnel would be housed. Council indicated that these short-term contractors put undue pressure on the limited accommodation options in town, particularly the Motels which has potential to restrict accommodation options for visitors to Cobar and reduces tourist traffic through the town.

Council has also made [REDACTED] aware that there are businesses in town who currently have accommodation options which have questionable approvals status. [REDACTED] understand that the proposed expansion would negate the need for businesses to utilise said accommodation.

In light of this, [REDACTED] have no objection to the application being made by Rovest Holdings Pty Ltd and believe the expansion to the Cobar Mining Village would be a positive addition to Cobar by alleviating the unnecessary burden on Motels in Cobar and discouraging businesses from installing accommodation without appropriate approvals.

Yours sincerely,

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