



# **The Hon Chris Hartcher**

## **Minister for Resources and Energy**

### **Special Minister of State**

### **Minister for the Central Coast**

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### **MINISTER HARTCHER WELCOMES APPROVAL OF TOMINGLEY GOLD MINE**

NSW Minister for Resources, Chris Hartcher has today welcomed news of Planning approval for the development of a \$65 million gold mine which will deliver jobs and investment to the Dubbo area.

The Tomingley Gold Project, located approximately 50 kilometres south-west of Dubbo, comprises three open cut pits and one underground mine, as well as supporting infrastructure.

“This is great news for the Central West of NSW and great news for the regional economy - it means jobs, investment and community benefits,” Mr Hartcher said.

The Alkane Resources Ltd project is expected to generate up to 100 jobs during the construction of the mine and up to 90 ongoing jobs over the 10-year life of the mine.

“This is also a great result for the State’s economy at-large. We welcome the jobs and investment that the mining industry offers NSW as part of the economic rival the O’Farrell Government was elected to deliver,” Mr Hartcher said.

“NSW will benefit from the royalties that come from the utilisation of our mineral resources – royalties that pay for our nurses, our police and our teachers.

“This sends a positive message to potential investors in NSW that we are very supportive of resource and mining investment and we are open for business.”

Member for Dubbo, Troy Grant said the conditions attached to the development would ensure that any impacts of the project will be carefully managed.

“Alkane’s project is a huge vote of confidence in the strength of our resources sector and I welcome the economic benefits that will flow from such a significant investment,” Mr Grant said.

The Tomingley Gold Project was approved by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure following careful assessment and public exhibition of the Project.