Response to the Newcastle Herald re Integra mine noise monitoring

Response provided to the Newcastle Herald on 6 October 2011, re noise monitoring requirements for the Integra mine near Camberwell:

Under the mine’s conditions of approval, Integra is required to meet strict noise limits and is currently required to undertake attended monitoring 4 times a year to determine compliance.

Notwithstanding, the conditions also require the company to prepare a Noise Management Plan, including implementation of real-time noise monitoring to enable proactive and reactive noise mitigation and management measures to improve the overall environmental performance of the mine.

Integra has submitted the Noise Management Plan as required by the conditions and the Department is currently reviewing it, including discussing with Integra the appropriate location of real-time noise monitors to ensure adequate acoustic protection for nearby residents.

Questions relating to environmental protection licences are a matter for the Office of Environment and Heritage, not the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.