



**The Hon Andrew Stoner**

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**Deputy Premier of NSW  
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Infrastructure and Services**

**Minister for Resources and  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **A BOOST FOR THE CENTRAL WEST ECONOMY:**

#### **NSW GOVERNMENT GRANTS TOMINGLEY MINING LEASE:**

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner, together with Resources Minister Chris Hartcher and Member for Dubbo, Troy Grant today announced the NSW Government has approved the mining lease for a new \$116 million gold mine in central western NSW.

Approval of Alkane Resources' Tomingley Gold Project, located approximately 50 kilometres south-west of Dubbo, will allow for the development of an open cut and underground mine processing approximately one million tonnes of gold ore per year.

Mr Stoner said the project is great news for the central west of NSW and great news for the regional economy.

"The NSW Government is committed to creating and preserving jobs, as well as generating economic activity in regional areas," Mr Stoner said.

"The central west has much to be excited about – this project means jobs, regional investment and community benefits."

The project involves capital expenditure of approximately \$116 million to bring the mine into production and ongoing employment of 120 people over the seven to ten-year life of the mine.

"The Tomingley Gold Project will generate many times that number of jobs indirectly in mine and non-mine related service industries," Mr Hartcher said.

"The project will also inject royalties into the NSW economy- royalties that pay for frontline services including our nurses, police and teachers.

“The NSW Government welcomes the jobs and investment that the mining industry offers NSW as part of the economic revival we were elected to deliver.

“Approval of this project 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.”

The Alkane Resources Ltd project also involves supporting infrastructure including a 46 kilometre water supply pipeline between Narromine and Tomingley, an on-site electricity substation and a haulage road underpass beneath the Newell Highway.

Mr Grant said the project represents a long-term investment in the central west and Dubbo economies, with any potential negative impacts identified.

“The project was approved following careful assessment of surface and groundwater impacts, management of hazardous materials, ecological impacts, traffic impacts, air quality and noise. Stringent controls have been imposed on the operation for the protection of the environment via the development consent and mining lease conditions,” Mr Grant said.

“Now that the mining lease has been granted, I look forward to seeing activity on the ground and the launch of the project’s construction phase.”

At full output the value of mineral production from the mine is expected to be approximately \$88 million per year.

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