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Dear Judi & Toby

Te Kuha Project – Alternative Access Road

As previously discussed with the Department of Conservation (DOC) we are proposing an alternative road option for the lower part of the mine haul road that we originally had planned to go through the Ballarat Conservation area.

Attached is the following information:

- Map showing the proposed alternative route, marked as "Route 5", also shown is the original route 3 which the Easement Concession relates to.
- Report from Mitchell Partners (Gary Bramley) outlining the vegetation values of the proposed route 5 option.

This proposed alternative route 5 would cross DOC land for approximately 260m in total and allowing for a 50m wide corridor would cover an area of approximately 1.32ha. Some further characteristics in regards to this roading option are outlined below:

Proposed Access Route 5	Route 5
Land status - predominately administered by	BDC
Length of Route 5	2.11km
Length of Route 5 on DOC Land	260m
Start design RL	74.00
Finish design RL	155.00
Difference in elevation	81.00
Average grade	4.15%
Average width of road foot print	45
Maximum width of road foot print	22
Highest cut batter	14.6
Highest fill batter	10.2
Number of culverts/bridges	7

If this is an agreeable route to DOC this would replace our Easement Concession application submitted in April 2014. Stevenson would also be open to doing a land swap for the required DOC land. The land owned by Stevenson is a freehold section of land adjoining the Lower Buller Gorge Scenic reserve and is of similar values (Nichol report 2015).

Please advise if you require any further information to enable DOC to assess this roading alternative and possible land-swap.

Yours sincerely

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