



Media Release

Banana Shire Council

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GIBIHI ROAD KIANGA UPDATE

It has been brought to Council's attention considerable misinformation is being circulated in relation to Gibihi Road and associated issues.

In order to clarify the situation, the following points are highlighted for your information:

1. Anglo American is operating within the road reserve in accordance with the mining lease, which was issued in December 1971 under the Thiess Peabody Coal Pty Ltd Agreement Act 1962 (TPC Act). The TPC Act is an Act of Parliament.
2. Anglo American has engaged two consultants, Hatch and WSP, to assist them in their assessment of the issues in relation to Gibihi Road etc. Anglo American has not engaged GHD to complete any work in relation to Gibihi Road.
3. Council has engaged GHD to assess the suitability of the haul road as an alternative route for Gibihi Road.
4. GHD has not completed this assessment or prepared a report as they are currently awaiting further detailed geotechnical information before they commence this process.
5. Council seeks reimbursement from Anglo American for any monies expended in relation to Gibihi Road. Council makes no apologies for this as it is ensuring that there is minimal cost exposure to Council and ratepayers in relation to Gibihi Road.
6. Council continues to monitor the situation and has ongoing dialogue with Anglo American and receives regular updates from GHD on the progress of its assessment.
7. To be clear, GHD were engaged by Council to undertake the assessment of the damage to Gibihi Road in the first instance.
8. At no point has GHD been engaged by Anglo in relation to Gibihi Road.
9. Any suggestion to the contrary is misleading and incorrect at best.
10. As previously advised Council will provide updates as information becomes available.

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