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CHITTERING RESIDENTS APPLAUD SHIRE'S STANCE AGAINST ILLEGAL BAUXITE MINING – SEEK STATE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Chittering, WA. Community group, R4RM (Residents for Responsible Mining) today applauded the Shire of Chittering for its 25 November resolution refusing planning approval for Bauxite Resources Limited's (ASX: BAU) proposed second stage of bauxite mining in Bindoon.

The resolution upholds the provisions of the local town planning scheme which prohibits 'Industry - Mining' in areas zoned 'Agricultural Resource' and indeed in any part of the Shire's jurisdiction. The Shire Council also flagged the issues of dust and noise pollutants, and the potential impact of increased traffic and road wear and tear on residents' safety in making its decision.

Speaking on behalf of R4RM, Clair Medhurst said the Shire's resolution is a win for good corporate governance, for the environment and for R4RM's 70 member households, which number continues to grow as more concerned residents speak out against the proposal.

"R4RM's position is very clear, if BRL wishes to commence a large scale bauxite mining project in Chittering, at its stated rate of 3Mtpa, then it needs to follow the normal process for a mining project of this scale in accordance with the laws that apply to everyone else," Ms Medhurst said.

"We are calling on the Minister for Environment, the Hon Donna Faragher and the Environmental Protection Agency to support the Shire and the community, and to enforce BRL's compliance with the process mandated for a mining operation of this magnitude.

"As a minimum, we reasonably expect that BRL be forced to follow the State Government's laid down process for a full Public Environmental Review (PER), including full and proper disclosure of their environmental impacts and comprehensive community consultation.

"Currently, as a result of the first stage of BRL's temporary mining operation, residents are subjected to excessive dust and noise emissions, 6 days a week, 12 hours a day at the mine and the siding; road trains operating at rates of one train every 3 to 5 minutes making road conditions extremely dangerous for local traffic, and negative impacts on local tourism and property values.

"Resident adjacent to the Mooliabeenee siding are acutely affected by dust and noise from bauxite handling and train-loading. All residents are looking forward to the return of amenity and elimination of road risks when BRL's Stage 1 mining is complete.

"We will continue to oppose the Stage 2 proposal and will be contacting relevant Government Departments in coming days to ensure that BRL is not exempt from the proper environmental approvals processes, and that they be held to operating in a responsible manner."

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