



**TALISON LITHIUM PTY LTD**

## **PROPOSED GREENBUSHES MINE ACCESS ROAD**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Perth, Western Australia, 29 November 2018** – Talison Lithium Pty Ltd (**Talison, Company**) is pleased to advise that the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes (**Shire**) is seeking public comment on Talison's Mine Access Road proposal for the Greenbushes Lithium Mine (**Mine**).

The Shire's call for public comment follows community consultation by Talison to define the best option to deal with increased truck movements resulting from the expansion of the Mine.

At the forefront of Talison's consideration has been the desire to reduce the impact of the Mine's increased truck movements on the local Greenbushes community, at the same time as enhancing road safety in the area around Greenbushes.

As part of Talison's Mine expansion works, the Company engaged WML Consultants (**WML**) to investigate a number of different options/routes to provide Mine access for trucks without the need for them to travel through the Greenbushes townsite. Flora, fauna and heritage surveys were also carried out in respect of the proposed routes.

WML identified the Northern Alignment option, which will utilise an alignment based on an existing and previously used Mine haul road via a connection to Blackwood Road, as the most suitable option because it:

- takes trucks away from the Greenbushes townsite;
- reduces the distance that trucks have to travel on the South West Highway;
- incorporates the use – and upgrade – of existing roads through previously cleared and historically mined regrowth zones, thereby minimising the impact on flora and fauna, including state forest; and
- provides a safe and modern public road funded by Talison but under the care and control of the Shire.

An image of the proposed Mine Access Road alignment, in relation to the Greenbushes townsite and the existing truck route, is at the end of this media release.

As part of the Mine Access Road design, Talison and WML have considered a number of potential issues and, in conjunction with the Shire, would like feedback from the community on:

- upgrades to the entrance to Greenbushes Pool and camping facilities and formalising a safe, single point of entry from Spring Gully Road;
- minimising the impact on the tranquillity, cleanliness and natural beauty of Greenbushes Pool;
- improving access around the Greenbushes Sports Grounds; and
- potential flora and fauna impacts.

**Talison's General Manager Operations, Craig Dawson, said:**

*"Talison Lithium takes very seriously its role as a responsible and responsive member of the communities in which we operate, which is why we are being fully transparent with our Mine Access Road proposal and welcome public comments.*

*"We are committed to delivering a win-win for all by removing traffic from residential areas and roads frequented by the public, at the same time as upgrading an existing gravel road with minimum impact on the environment. This upgraded road will also deliver improved public access for all community members to Greenbushes Pool and the sports grounds without reducing the wonderful and natural experience that a visit to these popular recreational destinations delivers.*

*"From the outset we have acknowledged that the Mine's expansion, while delivering hundreds of new jobs into the local area and injecting millions of dollars into local businesses, will involve an increase in mining activity and truck movements. That is why we have been so deliberate in engaging with the community at every stage, commencing with our Mine Open Day in July 2018, to ensure everyone understands the full picture and our efforts to minimise adverse impacts.*

*"This has included Talison's briefing to the local community about the proposed Mine Access Road on November 21 prior to the public comment period. Maps and information about the proposed route have been installed at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre since November 1 and will remain there for the duration of the public consultation period."*

Talison, in association with the South West Development Commission (**SWDC**) and Arc Infrastructure (**ARC**), has also recently produced a fact sheet on the feasibility of reopening the Greenbushes railway line. Although the railway line discussion is not directly linked to our proposed Mine Access Road – and is now in the hands of the State Government for decisions on the next step – we want to maintain our transparency and engagement with the community by maintaining an open dialogue on all aspects of the Mine's expansion.

The preferred alignment is now displayed and available to be viewed at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre (**CRC**) and Shire offices.

Feedback from the community will be used to finalise the design of the proposed Mine Access Road before Talison makes the required submissions for regulatory approvals. Written submissions on the Mine Access Road proposal can be submitted to the Shire by 19 December.

Members of the public are also welcome to attend one-on-one community consultation sessions at the Greenbushes CRC from 4pm-5pm on Wednesdays. These sessions have been available since September 2018 to provide additional contact opportunities for the community.

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Proposed route of the new Greenbushes Mine Access Road.

