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Dear Secretary,

Re: Boggabri Coal Project

Project Application Number: 09_0182 Mod 7

I object to this modification.

These modifications must be considered, not in isolation, but as part of the larger Leard Forest Mine Precinct, including Boggabri Coal, Tarrawonga Coal and Maules Creek Coal. There is insufficient detail in the Approval document to ensure I/we are able to properly evaluate the proposal.

More time is required, and more information from the proponent is required with regards to the proposed modifications.

Which road will the trucks be travelling on? How many trucks will be travelling? The consideration of the cumulative impact from other coal truck traffic. 60 tonnes for marketing purposes appears excessive, but with no further information, we are not able to understand the impact.

More information should be made available with regards to the Offsets. The current Project Approval requires specific detail around offsets and this modification proposal as limited information, again, not allowing for an assessment of the impact on our community and the environment.

Will there be further offsets required to compensate for the additional clearing that is proposed in the drilling and exploration activities? The modification proposal does not provide enough information for an assessment on the impacts.

The original Approval was granted with strict guidelines and yet, the proponent wishes to not honour the original Approval guidelines, by updating and amending and adding to the original Approval without proper consultation and adequate information.

I am of the opinion that this modification Project should have more information provided to you and the community and that the exhibition period be extended for a further 28 days and be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) if necessary.

Yours sincerely