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Dear Secretary,

**Re: Boggabri Coal Project**  
**Project Application Number: 09\_0182 Mod 7**

Dear Secretary,

I write to you to provide feedback to the Boggabri Coal Mine (PA 09-0182) **Boggabri Coal Mine: Modification 7**, despite the fact that no formal way for public comment on Modification 7 seems to be available.

However, I trust that the Department will accept this feedback and treat the matters raised in it seriously.

I object to this modification. Our community has not been provided with enough information to go with it. Rushing these five Modifications through without adequate information will lead to detrimental outcomes. The community needs more information as does the DPE secretary who is to make this determination.

The cumulative impacts of all these "minor" or "administrative" modifications are leading to a degrading of our environment. The public needs more respect. Their views should be included and valued. This lack of public scrutiny means that the Project Approval changes with no consultation with the community. This is part of the approval for the mine and should not be eroded. It is one of the important factors in the Modification process.

This process is unfair to the community and not transparent.

I would appreciate the government put energy into ensuring local mines work to their Current Approvals rather than removing or changing conditions to avoid compliance. The cumulative impacts from all these minor environmental or administrative changes that lead to the industrialization of our community, is a major impact for us.

I am of the opinion that this modification process should require more information be provided to you and the community. I also believe the exhibition period must be extended for a further 28 days and be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) as required. Otherwise it appears that there is something to hide from the community.

I strongly object to this Boggabri Modification 7 process.  
Yours sincerely

