



Ms Carolyn McNally Secretary Dept. of Planning and Environment, PO Box R220 Royal Exchange Sydney NSW 1225

Dear Ms McNally,

On behalf of our members, I wish to lodge an objection to the Boggabri Coal Modification 7 Application. We have concerns which relate to the process that has been adopted namely that the department considers mine modifications minor or administrative and as such proper process and appropriate community scrutiny and consultation is denied.

We have concerns that the current situation means that insufficient information is provided to the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment.

There are five parts to Modification 7 which we submit are not minor to the community and the environment.

We believe that the changes that Boggabri coal is seeking are sufficiently significant for the project modification to be on exhibition for twenty eight days and if public interest is strong the project should be determined by the Independent Planning Commission.

The people who stand to be most negatively affected by this application are being denied the right to make comment.

We hope that you are sufficiently concerned to request that the application be formally exhibited for public comment.

Yours faithfully.