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Subject: BOGGABRI COAL PROJECT 09_0182 MOD 7

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Dear Secretary,

BOGGABRI COAL PROJECT 09_0182 MOD 7

"4.3.3 Proposed Modification

It is proposed that Condition 47(a) of Schedule 3 be modified ...The following modification (in underlined text) to Condition 47(a) of Schedule 3

Long Term Security of Offset

47. The Proponent shall make suitable arrangements to provide appropriate long-term security for the offset areas:

(a) For the areas included in Table 15 as owned, under option or committed by the Proponent, the long-term security shall be provided by a form of binding agreement acceptable to the Secretary that records the obligations assumed by the Proponent under the conditions of this approval in relation to these offset areas. These agreements must be registered by December 2019 unless agreed otherwise by the Secretary after consultation with Chief Executive of OEH. The agreements must remain in force in perpetuity."

Proposes:

The Boggabri MOD 7 is a Modification to the Approval 09_0182 which, according to the Environmental Assessment "seeks to make largely administrative amendments to the Boggabri project approval"

As a resident of Maules Creek I am very concerned that this is being considered as a modification, rather than a new application. We experience the environmental impacts of the coal mining in Leard Forest and surrounds on a daily basis, I have run my farm for 35 years in Maules Creek, it is an extremely productive farm, and my submission should not be excluded from the planning process. Consultants rely on satellite mapping and databases, not their direct field studies. I have an invaluable contribution to make.

It is my opinion that the MOD 7 does not fall within the "largely administrative" definition. Changes to the long-term biodiversity offset security mechanisms are not administrative, and I object to the right of consultation by the community being stripped away by this Modification.

Cumulative impacts of proposed coal mine expansion are overwhelming to the community of Maules Creek. The Environmental Assessment involves changes of the existing mining approval

for the Boggabri Coal Mine which will have a cumulative impact on the district of Maules Creek, we are already impacted by coal mines.

This includes biodiversity impacts, which are one aspect of the MOD 7.

With Maules Creek, Vickery, Tarrawonga, even Rocglen mines in the immediate vicinity of Maules Creek I believe the cumulative impacts of these mines should warrant more, not less, open scrutiny.

I do not want to see the consultation process watered down and do not consider that the Secretary and the PAC would either.

I am of the view that this modification project should:

1. have the exhibition period extended for a further 28 days, and
2. be referred to the Independent Planning Commission.