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Comment on modification 7 Boggabri Coal Mine

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Dear Secretary,

**Boggabri Coal Mine: Modification 7**

I wish to provide comments on the application for Modification 7 for the Boggabri Coal Mine and its **Southern Rehabilitation Strategy**.

I have provided extensive submissions on the EISs for the Maules Creek, Boggabri and Tarrawonga coal mines in Leard State Forest, and particularly on the many problems with their various biodiversity offset and rehabilitation plans. I am aware that the offset plans for Maules Creek and Boggabri coal mines have not been finalised and signed off by dates required by conditions of consent. My submissions have shown that the proposed Biodiversity Offsets and rehabilitation plans for these mines cannot replace the significant threatened species' habitats (including that of Koalas) destroyed by the open-cut mining.

It is therefore very disturbing to hear that this current Modification 7 proposal appears to rely on the 500m wide Biodiversity Corridor as part of its biodiversity strategy, without assessing its condition as part of the Southern Rehabilitation Strategy for the Boggabri mine, and without finalising its previous Biodiversity Offset Management Plans by due dates.

**I request that you refuse consent for Modification 7 for Boggabri Coal Mine at this time** because the Proponent has NOT provided adequate information in the agreed timeframe to allow proper consultation or assessment of this significant proposal.