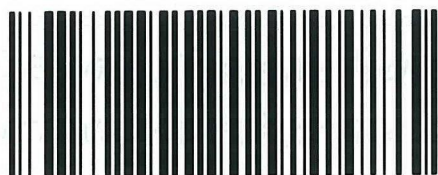


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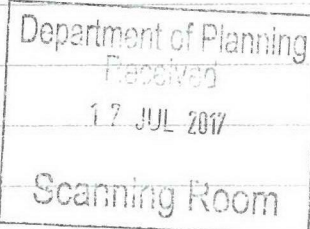
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NAME - MOUNT PLEASANT COAL PROJECT - MODIFICATION 3

APPLICATION NO: DA 92/97 MOD 3



ATTENTION: DIRECTOR - RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

DEAR SIR,

AS THE CLOSEST AND MOST AFFECTED RESIDENT OF THE PROPOSAL I OBJECT TO THE REQUEST FOR THE MODIFICATION TO DA 92/97 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. I AM IDENTIFIED AS RECEIVER 112 IN DA 92/97, DIRECTLY EAST OF THEIR NEW EMPLACEMENT PROPOSAL.

1) PROXIMITY TO MY RESIDENCE/PROPERTY. ACCORDING TO DOCUMENTS PROVIDED IN THE PROPOSAL IT WOULD ALLOW MACH ENERGY AUSTRALIA PTY LTD TO REMOVE TOPSOIL AND DUMP OVERBURDEN/WASTE ROCK USING BULLDOZERS, SCRAPERS AND LARGE (200 TONNE PLUS) DUMP TRUCK PLUS OTHER EQUIPMENT INCLUDING LIGHTING PLANT WITHIN 150 METRE OF MY HOUSE AND PROPERTY, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, FOR THE NEXT 9 YEARS. ALSO NUMEROUS OTHER PLANT REQUIRED TO CONSTANTLY FORMING UP THE FINAL LANDFORM. THE PROPOSED 4.74 MBCM AMOUNT OF EMPLACEMENT IN 2017, 15.71 MBCM IN 2018 AND CONTINUING TO RISE UP TO 2021 WOULD MEAN THERE WOULD BE HUNDREDS OF TRUCK, DOZER AND OTHER PLANT MOVEMENTS PER DAY.

2) NOISE. THE USE OF LARGE PLANT OF THIS NATURE WILL NO DOUBT EXCEED THE SAFE LIMIT OF DECIBELS OF 85 DBA BEFORE HEARING DAMAGE CAN OCCUR. MUCH OF THE LARGE PLANT THEY WILL USE EMITS NOISE IN THE VICINITY OF 115 DECIBELS EACH. MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF PLANT AND PLANT MOVEMENTS PER DAY WILL MAKE IT UNBEARABLE AT MY RESIDENCE.



3) DUST THE REMOVAL OF TOPSOIL AND DUMPING OF OVERBURDEN AT THE PROPOSED EASTERN EMPLACEMENT AREA WOULD CREATE DUST POLLUTION AT MY RESIDENCE AT LEVELS UNSAFE FOR HUMANS AND ANIMALS AND WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT MY HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CONTAMINATE MY DRINKING WATER AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WOULD OCCUR TO VEHICLES, ROOFS AND PASTURE AND SOIL.

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DIESEL FUMES AND GASES. AS THE PROPOSED EASTERN EMPLACEMENT AREA IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ABOVE MY RESIDENCE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE VALLEY FLOOR, I AM GREATLY CONCERNED ON EFFECTS THAT THE SETTLEMENT OF DIESEL FUMES AND TOXIC GASES, INCLUDING LEAD LEVELS, WILL HAVE ON MYSELF, ANIMALS AND PROPERTY WITH SO MANY PLANT MOVEMENTS ON A CONSTANT BASIS, WOULD BE DANGEROUS.

5) VISUAL THE OVERBURDEN EMPLACEMENT PROPOSAL DIRECTLY TO THE WEST OF MY RESIDENCE WILL DESTROY THE CURRENT OUTLOOK OF RURAL SETTING OF NATURAL HILLSIDE AND TREES. IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE A GRASS AND TREE HILLSIDE WOULD BE REPLACED. ADDITIONALLY THE RAISING OF THE NATURAL HILLTOP TO MY WEST WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF NORMAL SUNLIGHT EXPERIENCED AT MY PROPERTY. THE ARTIST IMPRESSION IN THE PROPOSAL IS ABOUT 1 KM FURTHER AWAY THAN WHAT I WOULD EXPERIENCE. THIS SHADOWING EFFECT WOULD BE LIKE SITTING IN FRONT OF THE FRONT ROW OF A PICTURE THEATRE.



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SLEEP DEPRIVATION

DUE TO THE CONSTANT MOVEMENT OF BULLDOZERS SCRAPERS DUMP TRUCKS AND OPERATION OF OTHER PLANT ON THE PROPOSED EASTERN EMPLACEMENT AREA THERE WILL BE A NEVER ENDING DEPRIVATION OF REST, SLEEP AND PEACEFULL SETTING AT MY RESIDENCE. IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT DEPRIVATION OF REST AND SLEEP HAVE AN ENORMOUS EFFECT ON THE HUMAN BODY. IT CAUSES SOCIAL, PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY TO PEOPLE, IN THE FORM OF BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEART PROBLEMS. DISTURBS PERSONAL "BODY CLOCKS", AFFECTS TOLERANCE LEVELS MOOD AND GENERAL PERSONALITY TRAITS. ALSO YOUR ABILITY TO MAKE PROPER DECISIONS IN A SAFE MANNER AND SOMETIMES PROVES TO BE FATAL TO YOURSELF OR OTHERS, ON THE ROAD OR AT YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. IN MY CURRENT EMPLOYMENT MY DUTIES INCLUDE DRIVING OPERATING SMALL AND LARGE MACHINERY, TOOLS AND MAINTENANCE AND HANDLING HORSES AND CATTLE.

I AM AWARE THAT I AM IN THE "ACQUISITION UPON REQUEST" AREA OF DA 92/97. ONLY IN PAST FEW MONTHS <sup>I HAVE</sup> BEEN TOLD BY MACH ENERGY THAT THEY ARE OF THE VIEW THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO ADHERE TO ANY LEVELS OF EXPOSURE OF NOISE OR DUST POLLUTION AT MY RESIDENCE BECAUSE OF THIS. IS THIS TRUE? EFFECTIVELY GIVING THEM A "GET OUT OF JAIL FREE" CARD IF THIS IS THE CASE, I REQUEST A REVIEW BY YOUR DEPARTMENT BEFORE A DECISION IS HANDED DOWN ON THE MODIFICATION

I ALSO FIND THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR AN "OBLIGATION FREE" TO ACCEPT A BINDING <sup>OFFER</sup> FROM MACH ENERGY WITHOUT TRIGGERING THE "ACQUISITION PROCESS" AS UNFAIR, AS, IF THIS IS DONE I COULD EVENTUALLY BE FORCED INTO



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THE UNTENABLE POSITION OF ACCEPTING A DETERMINED ACQUISITION PRICE THAT DOES NOT ACTUALLY ALLOW ME TO RELOCATE DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABILITY, SUITABILITY OR PRICE, WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS OF AN OFFER BEING MADE BY MACH ENERGY, OR THEIR OBLIGATION TO ACQUIRE CEASES. THERE COULD BE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THESE TWO POSITIONS THEREFORE I REQUEST THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT REVIEW THIS PART OF THE ACQUISITION PROCESS.

I AM ONLY AN ORDINARY PERSON OF LIMITED EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND. I HAVE NEVER DEALT WITH ANYTHING LIKE THE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD BY MACH ENERGY. I HAVE HAD LIMITED TIME TO READ AND COMPREHEND WHAT IS, TO ME, IS A COMPLICATED DOCUMENT WITH MANY ATTACHMENTS + APPENDICES, AS I WAS GIVEN AN UNDERTAKING BY MACH ENERGY ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 TO NOTIFY ME OF THEIR LODGMENT AND SUPPLY ME WITH A COPY OF THE PROPOSAL, WHICH DIDN'T OCCUR! SUBSEQUENTLY IT WAS A FURTHER TWO WEEKS, AFTER LODGMENT THAT I OBTAINED A COPY, AS I DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER AND ONLY BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR OPERATION. IF THERE ARE ANY MISTAKES IN MY SUBMISSION I APOLOGISE TO YOUR DEPARTMENT.

I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND MY MAIN CONCERNS WITH THIS PROPOSED MODIFICATION, THERE MAY BE OTHERS I AM UNAWARE OF. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SUBMISSION. I WOULD ASK YOU TO INFORM ME OF THE OUTCOMES OF MY SUBMISSION AND THE DECISIONS OF YOUR DEPARTMENT OF THE PROPOSAL.

KIND REGARDS BRENDAN BARRY

