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Via Major Projects Portal

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**Re: Boggabri Coal Mine – Proposed MOD 9 (MP09\_0182)– Meeting room relocation and in pit rock crushing**

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice and comment on the proposed modification 9 (MP09\_0182). It is understood that the modification seeks the following changes to the approved operations at Boggabri Coal Mine:

- Operation of a mobile rock crushing plant and associated fleet within the existing approved Mine Disturbance Boundary,
- Relocation of the Pre-Shift Start-Up Infrastructure to a location closer to active mining operations; and
- Minor administrative changes to conditions of SSD-09\_0182 relating to the management of rehabilitation activities in accordance with recent amendments to the *Mining Regulation 2016*

Council wishes to extend its appreciation for the early notification regarding the modification detail, following a review of the provided documentation the following comments are now provided:

- In relation to the mobile crushing activities, it is understood that no significant material impacts have been identified in the corresponding environmental analysis undertaken to date. As you are aware crushing activities have the potential to create significant off-site impacts, particularly in respect of noise and air quality. Such impacts are often dependent on the type and operational particulars of the applied machinery. On this basis, the supporting documentation should clearly outline the type of mobile plant to be utilised and ensure that the impact assessment has due regard to the operational particulars of the selected plant.
- The proposed works do not appear to have a significant impact on Councils assets, however, the report does state (page 23) *“Deliveries associated with the mobile crushing facility will occur via the Kamilaroi Highway and private mine access road”*. In this regard it should be noted that no increase in vehicular traffic for this modification is permitted along the southern and northern sections of Leard Forest Road that remain open to the public.



  
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- Appendix D of the report states: *"To mitigate the negative ecological impacts associated with increased vehicle movements along Leard Forest Road, it is proposed that wildlife signs be installed, and the speed limit be reduced to 50 km per hour or less in vegetated areas."* It is assumed that this statement is referring to the closed portion of Leard Forest Road that is owned and maintained by Boggabri Coal (and not the southern and/or northern sections that are currently gazetted as a public road). Clarification around this point would be appreciated.

It is understood that the proposed PSI site will include information session areas, bathhouse and amenities as well as general office, training and meeting spaces. In this regard, please refer to Council commentary below.

- The report notes that *"an onsite sewage treatment plant will treat the wastewater from the bathhouse and amenities, with treated effluent to be irrigated onto a transpiration area which has been conceptually located to the north of the PSI Site"*. Whilst this section outlines the proposed collection/treatment methods this will need to be formalised by way of a Section 68 application accompanied by an Onsite Wastewater Management Plan, completed by a suitably qualified person. Given the proposal for a full treatment plant, and irrigation, this will need to be a fully comprehensive and detailed report given the risk level, in order to satisfy Council requirements.
- Council is satisfied with the proposed storage for both potable and firefighting water supplies as set out in the report.
- Furthermore, Council understands the recent rehabilitation reforms to the *Mining Act 1992* have resulted in the need for minor administrative changes to the wording of rehabilitation management and reporting conditions. In this regard, Council has no objection to the minor amendments as set out in the report.

Should you require any additional information in relation to the above you are invited to contact Council's Manager of Planning and Development, Ms Michelle Henry on (02) 6799 6866, or by emailing [council@narrabri.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@narrabri.nsw.gov.au).

Yours faithfully



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