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RE: Tarrawonga Coal Mine MOD 10 (MP11_0047-MOD10) - Advice on Modification Report (PAE-59083223)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the modification report for Tarrawonga Coal Mine (TCM) MOD 10. It is understood that the proposed modification seeks to authorise additional road haulage hours on the Approved run-of-mine (ROM) Coal Transport Route between TCM and the Whitehaven Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP) at Gunnedah. Having reviewed the provided documentation the following feedback is now provided:

Road Transport Assessment

- Council generally concurs with the assessment and recommendations of the report.
- Council acknowledges there have been no complaints recorded relating to TCM road haulage during 2020 to 2022.
- Page 4, section 2 – Trucks are GPS tracked, there are haul truck cameras (internal and external) and driver alertness glasses. Council recommends that these are included as mitigation measures in an updated version of the TMP.

Noise Impact Assessment

- Page 5 of this report indicates that the assessment was undertaken based on the previous convention A-doubles (42t) rather than the new A-double side-tippers with higher capacity. The different vehicle type should be assessed to confirm there are no significant differences between the two.

Tarrawonga Coal Mine - Road Haulage Hours Modification

- Council acknowledges consultation with local landowners as set out on Page 5:
- Whitehaven has reached private agreements with all but one of the potentially affected landholders, and is in advanced discussions to establish the remaining agreement for the proposed change to the haulage hours.



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All agreements should be finalised and in place prior to any approvals being granted.

- TCM Driver Code of Conduct and Whitehaven's specific inductions for haulage truck operators should be reviewed, and amended where appropriate, to ensure the behavioural requirements for truck drivers.
- Fatigue management measures applicable to the haulage truck drivers should be reviewed to confirm they are appropriate.
- Signage, guideposts and lane delineation on the Approved ROM Coal Transport Route should be assessed against the approved protocol to ensure that it adequately addresses the night-time visibility needs of drivers on the route.
- The Traffic Management Plan for the Tarrawonga, Rocglen and Vickery Coal Mines should be reviewed and amended as necessary to incorporate the Modification proposal and any mitigation measures recommended.
- Continuation of road maintenance agreements with Narrabri Shire Council under the Modification to be confirmed.

Narrabri Shire Council expects that Tarrawonga Coal Mine continues to operate in strict accordance with all conditions of approval and all relevant legislative requirements.

Council trust that the above advice provides the necessary assistance and should you have any further questions or require any further clarification on the contents of Council's submission, please contact Ms Michelle Henry, Council's Manager Planning and Development on (02) 6799 6866 or via council@narrabri.nsw.gov.au.

Kind Regards,



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