

**ASHTON SOUTH EAST OPEN CUT PROJECT MOD 1
APPLICATION NO. MP 08 0182 MOD 1**

**OBJECTIONS BY WENDY BOWMAN
16 February 2017**

I strongly object to this modification request.

I will list my objections to each modification by reference to the Schedule and Condition which is to be modified.

Schedule	Condition	Objection
Table A		
3	1	This condition of consent has a public policy objective of providing certain affected landholders with a method to appropriately manage their property operations and family arrangements, without being held up for an indefinite period of time. If this modification was approved it will mean that such landowners can be held up for an unknown period.
3	2A	There is no reason for this condition to be modified as the compensation would only be payable when there are mining operations occurring or coal being produced. The condition allows the landowner to “make a request”. There is no reason to delay the ability to make the request. This would only prejudice the landowner.
3	39	There is a strong public policy reason for the condition requiring the Biodiversity Offset Strategy. It is important for that Strategy and the requirements to implement it to be put in place immediately rather than at some undefined point in the future. That public policy would be seriously compromised if the Strategy was delayed.
3	61	It is important that all agricultural land is maintained regardless of whether a mine is to proceed or not. It would be detrimental to the conservation of that agricultural land to effectively let it degrade for an indefinite period until the notice was issued about commencement of development.
Table B		
3	D2	It is important that air quality data from before operations commence is available to tenants. I oppose this modification.
3	C1	The same comments apply as for schedule 3 condition 1 above.
3	O8	It is extremely important that the management of the vegetation corridor is commenced immediately and maintained throughout the project not only for the time starting 3 years after mining commences. Protection of the Glennies Creek vegetation

		corridor is crucial for the maintenance of flora and fauna populations and diversity
3	Q2	There is no public policy or other reason why the proponent should not have an obligation to maintain offset areas continuously rather than only from 3 years after mining commencement.
3	X3	As for schedule 3 condition Q2
3	Z1	The requirement is to provide a benefit to residents of the Camberwell Village. It would seriously prejudice the interests of those residents if this opportunity was delayed until 5 years after mining commences.