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Dear Ms McNally,

Re: Maules Creek coal mine Project Application Number: 10_0138 Mod 4

The proponent Whitehaven Coal, are seeking to remove a section from Condition 12a, Schedule 3 from Planning Approval 10_0138 regarding the Maules Creek coal mine. That is the deletion of the wording and requirement to-

“ensure that all equipment and noise control measures deliver sound power levels that are equal to or better than the sound power levels identified in the EA, and correspond to best practice or the application of the best available technology economically achievable;”

I object to the Mod 4 and Whitehaven Coal removing a specific requirement for continuous environmental noise improvement by maintaining or reducing mining equipment sound power.

I experience excessive noise from the Maules Creek Mine on occasion, particularly during the day in the cooler months, and morning noise all year round.

Modification 4 will lead to the normalization of this excessive noise pollution and as such strongly reject this proposal by Whitehaven Coal.

Yours sincerely
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