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**Carolyn McNally
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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;”

It is becoming increasingly evident that Whitehaven Coal has a prior record of environmental compliance. They have an attitude of disdain towards landholders who live adjacent their minds. We object to the removal of the afore identified Modification Four. Whitehaven could adapt a more cooperative approach and actually reduce mine noise for the benefit of those who have unwittingly found themselves living next to a coal mine.

Yours sincerely,

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