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**Carolyn McNally
Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Ms McNally,

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

This submission is an objection to the Maules Creek Coal Mine Modification 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;”

We 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. With expansions plans ahead, we need MORE, NOT LESS protection against the mine. We believe this is a brazen and disgraceful ask of a company with a poor noise record.

We have long argued that false and misleading noise modelling was provided by Whitehaven Coal in its original Environmental Assessment in order to gain approval and it appears we were correct.

I believe that this will be detrimental for my family and strongly urge support the rejection of this Modification 4.

Yours sincerely

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