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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 objects 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 have live in this beautiful place and raised my family here. When the mine came to the area, their representatives told us that we would hardly know they were there. I wished this were true.

As the mine is expanding closer to my property and not further away, we the community need greater protection not less. We do not need the removal of a condition that will increase our sleep disturbance. The *company* needs this condition to guide its ability to reduce its low frequency noises. The condition legally requires them to be continually improving their performance and focus on using the lowest sound power levels. Deleting and disregarding this condition helps no one working at the pit or living near it.

So why are the company applying for it? Is it to save money at our expense?

As well as this the company must continue minimizing the *other* noises it makes and use the best available technology as they promised the NSW Government they would.

I believe that if the government approved this Mod 4 application it will be bad for my family and my property value and the company and strongly support the rejection of this Modification 4.

Yours sincerely