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Minning Projects  
Department of Planning & Environment  
GPO Box 39  
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Attention: Stephen O'Donoghue

Dear Sir,

**Re: Narrabri Coal Mine Modification 4 – (08\_0144 MOD4)**

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I refer to the proposed modification for the Narrabri Coal Mine operation and the Environmental Assessment provided to Council for public exhibition and consideration.

Council has reviewed the proposal within its capability and is comfortable with the scope of the modification, pending a full investigation of the environmental impacts particularly noise and dust related issues by the determining authority.

Although Council has no objection to this proposed modification as an individual development, the application and expansion of the coal stockpile sought will contribute to cumulative air quality and dust pollution issues in the Narrabri LGA. In relation to these air quality issues it is Council's position that a regional dust monitoring system should be established to measure air quality in the Gunnedah Basin. This position has been previously expressed by Council and through the Association of Mining Related Council's, and any opportunity to expedite the process of establishing a monitoring system, or obtaining funding toward that end should be considered by the Department.

If you have any questions about this submission or Council's position feel free to contact Council's Planning and Development Coordinator, Hamish McTaggart on 6799 6863.

Yours Faithfully,

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**ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**