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Dear Rose-Anne,

RE: NARRABRI COAL PROJECT MP MODIFICATION 5 (08_0144)

FCNSW has reviewed the tendered Modification documents and makes the following comments:

1. An additional 13 hectares of State forest has been included in the project disturbance area;
2. Narrabri Mine (NM) will repair or replace State forest roads and crossings impacted by the predicted subsidence;
3. NM will repair or replace State forest boundary fencing which is impacted by the predicted subsidence;
4. NM will treat new sources of erosion within State forest caused by subsidence;
5. NM will repair surface cracks within State forest posing safety concerns for forest users;
6. FCNSW expects access restrictions to State forest during and immediately following mining due to risks of subsidence; and
7. Subsidence beneath State forest may cause reduced site productivity and loss of commercial timber resources.

FCNSW acknowledges that costs associated with safety and/or infrastructure repair are to be addressed by applicable Management Plans noted in the Project Approval.

Other commercial impacts not addressed by the said Management Plans (i.e. timber losses) may be recoverable from NM under Section 262 of the *Mining Act 1992*.

FCNSW has no other comments regarding the Modification as proposed.

If you have any further queries on this matter, please call the Dubbo office on (02) 6841 4205.

Yours faithfully,



Jarod Dashwood
Forest Occupancy Supervisor
FCNSW WESTERN REGION