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Dear Sir,

Re: Tarrawonga Coal Mine Sound Level Modification - Project Approval 11_0047

Thank you for your email requesting review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Sound Power Level Modification (MOD 4) for Project Approval [PA] 11_0047.

Narrabri Shire Council (NSC) have reviewed the 'Tarrawonga Coal Mine Sound Power Level Modification Environmental Assessment' prepared for Tarrawonga Coal Pty Ltd, and dated January 2017, and provides the following comments:

1. Council finds that sometimes conditions overlap and that the part of condition 9a, Schedule 3, of PA 11_0047 requested for removal is controlled by other elements of the condition in place, and other overarching conditions and management tools. The rationale provided is sufficient to accept that the part of the condition can be removed without jeopardising the effect of the current repose on receivers. The remaining conditions applied to noise levels, such as conditions 3, 6 and 8 or Schedule 3, and reporting will provide ample legislative power to control any activity that could cause intrusive and offensive noise.
2. Council suggests including a requirement that any comments received from surrounding residents regarding noise from the site are flagged by Tarrawonga Coal Mine in the future, and that a period of review for removal of the part of the condition is included in the modification. Such a period of review may be six (6) months in the first year, and annual thereafter.
3. NSC expects that Tarrawonga Coal Mine has adhered to all conditions of approval pursuant to PA 11_0047, and all applicable legislative requirements they are bound by.
4. As an aside, NSC wishes to advise that it has limited resources to review more technical reports submitted with such applications and relies upon the Department to thoroughly scrutinise the technical aspects and submissions when it completes its detailed assessments of each proposal.

I trust this information is to your satisfaction. If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cara Stoltenberg, Town Planner, of Council's Development and Economic Growth Department on (02) 67996855 or caras@narrabri.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T Meppem', written in a cursive style.

Mr Tony Meppem

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