



Catchment Management Authority Namoi

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Dear Matthew

Re: Project Approval Modification - Boggabri Coal Mine Project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project approval modification for the Boggabri Coal Mine Project. Namoi CMA has reviewed the modifications proposed and offers the following comment.

The Environment Assessment for the modification suggests the surface water management, rehabilitation, sedimentation and erosion control activities will be aligned with Boggabri Coal's original Environmental Assessment and subsequently approved CEMP. In response, it is difficult to assess the impacts of the modification unless appropriate detail is provided on a site scale basis of the surface water management and rehabilitation activities. It is our recommendation that the proponent provides detailed site plans concerning the above to be assessed prior to determination.

The ecological impacts are proposed to be offset and mitigated in accordance with Table 7.1 but specific detail on which mitigation and management measure will be included has been deferred to a future amendment of the existing draft Biodiversity Offset Strategy (BOS). Therefore it isn't possible to assess the adequacy of the offsets ahead of the amended BOS. Consequently we recommend the proponent amends the Biodiversity Offsets Strategy prior to determination.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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