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Planning Services
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
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Attention: The Assessing Officer

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Boggabri Coal Project – Modification No 5


I refer to the abovementioned modification application No. 09_0182 MOD 5 which was on public exhibition for 14 days from 1 December 2015 until 15 December 2015 and previous advice via email that Council did not have a scheduled Council meeting until 3.00pm on the 15th December 2015 and would therefore not be able to meet such a ridiculously short exhibition period.

The matter was considered at the Council meeting and Council resolved to express the following concerns:

1. Council express their concerns on the impact the proposed modification will have on the Leards Forest mining precinct and township of Boggabri and that a cumulative impact regional hydrological model be produced prior to any determination.
2. That the applicant be required in any case to ensure that landholders whose groundwater is proposed to be detrimentally affected be adequately compensated by Boggabri Coal ensuring no negative effects are realised.
3. That Council write to the Department of Planning requesting them to extend the fourteen (14) days for submissions to be lodged regarding significant developments, to thirty (30) days.

If you wish to consult Council further regarding this matter feel free to contact the undersigned on 6799 6855 or via email at tonym@narrabri.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,



Tony Meppem
ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT