

4 March 2013

TRANSMITTAL VIA EMAIL

Mr Stephen O'Donoghue
Planning Officer
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
23-33 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW

Dear Stephen,

Re: Cobbora Coal Project Environmental Assessment and Project Application

In response to the response to our previous submission which states the additional time and distance to be travelled as a result of the road diversion would 'be 5 minutes travel time and 7 km travel distance for each vehicle' and therefore no justification for the up grade of the Avonside West Road I would like to bring the following to your attention:

- Current speed limit on Spring Ridge Road is 100km per hour (see attached photo of council signage taken on the 27 March 2013). This is also confirmed in the response to the submission in the following statement 'CHC is also working in consultation with the Warrumbungle and Mid-Western Regional Councils to implement a combination of targeted temporary and permanent road improvements for the remainder of the route combined with a speed limit reduction to 80 km/hr for the central section of the route north from Montaza Road to the start of the new alignment for the 19 km Spring Ridge Road'
- Additional distance we have to travel as advised by the mine on a number of occasions is 25.4 km per day and 177.8 km per week (see attached map provided by CHC)
- Not having to be a town planner to calculate the additional distance, time or cost to our business as a result of the above we conservatively incur the following cost:

	Annual Basis (48 weeks)	Lifetime Cost Based on 35 years
Additional Distance	8534 km	298,690km
Additional Time	85.34 hours	29,87 hours
Additional Cost	\$9,122 (current prices)	\$319,270 (current prices)
	Annual Cost	
Fuel @ \$1.50 @ 10 litres per 100 km	\$1,280	
Additional Cartage for Cattle/Hay at \$3.40 per km, 15 loads per annum	\$1,295	
Forgone chargeable hours @ \$65 per hour	\$5,547	
Vehicle Write/Off	\$1,000	
Total	\$9,122	

- Please note Tractors and Trucks can only do 40km or 80 km respectively, not even the installation of the Hume highway will make a difference. We are farmers not racing car drivers.
- Mine workers and contractors are the only ones instructed to do 80 km per hour. Not the general public.

In regards to the above we are providing a suitable alternative with the 10 km upgrade of the Avonside West Road. For this upgrade to be satisfactory it could be done with minimum cost and involve the following:

- Grading and maintenance on an annual or needs basis. (Warrumbungle council have already completed this). We are not asking for it to be sealed.
- Installation of new 12ft Grids at each fence line (approx. 7) . Replacing existing grids
- Installation of two 14ft gates at each fence line allowing large machinery to be able to pass. Replacing existing double gates.

In concluding we would like to state that while the other concerns lodged in the original submission have not been adequately addressed they are issues that will arise and be addressed as the mine progresses. In regards to the road issue it is a black & white issue that can be adequately resolved at very little cost and effort.

Thank you for allowing me to make the submission and I look forward to an adequate response.

Yours Sincerely,

John, Connie & Peter Portelli