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Mr David Kitto
Director
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NSW Government Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Dear Mr Kitto

In reference to the Environmental Impact Statement for the Northern Coal Logistics Project, Origin Energy welcomes the opportunity to comment.

Although supportive overall of neighbouring projects Eraring has concerns in relation to the Projects' interaction with Eraring Power Station infrastructure and the potential impacts both directly and indirectly. The increase in haulage over the Private Haul Road is Origin's only concern in relation to the Northern Coal Logistics Project.

Specifically, as identified below, Origin would request that additional consideration, consultation and assessment be applied in relation to the following items:

- EIS Appendix N - Noise - Section 3.6.4 Private Haul Roads - the study refers to road traffic noise assessments at the Newstan Surface Site and Cooranbong Entry Site however does not adequately consider the Newstan-Eraring Haul Roads other than to indicate it is a sealed road with drainage. There is no cumulative assessment of noise due to the increased number of vehicle movements and co-incidental movements which may impact on local receptors.
- EIS Appendix O - Traffic - Section 7.3 Internal Coal Transport - the study does not adequately address the impacts both directly in relation to the users of the Private Haul Road or in fact any potential external effects such as additional noise, additional luminous pollution during hours of darkness and the additional interaction with local subsidence areas.
- EIS Appendix P - Visual - Sections 5.4 - Private Haul Roads & Section 7.9 - Night Time Lighting do not address the additional or cumulative impacts of additional haul truck movement lighting.

Origin Energy is committed to respecting the rights and interests of the communities in which we operate and conducting our business with due care. Given the extensive section of the haul road is owned by Origin Energy we are obliged to ensure that all aspects and impacts are considered in relation to the use of our asset and associated impacts.

Please feel free to contact me in relation to this matter at any time to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Phillips
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