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Dear Sir/Madam

**Walarah 2 Coal Mine – Amendment to Development Application SSD-4974 (the amended DA)
lodged for the Wyong Areas Coal Joint Venture (WACJV) on 7 July 2016**

I refer to the above application and wish to lodge my objection to the proposal on the grounds detailed below:

Bushfire

1. Despite being a proposal to undertake a development on bushfire prone land, the Amended DA is silent on the issue. There is no assessment of bushfire risks.
2. It does not provide for Asset Protection Zones around any of the development footprint.
3. The removal of a public road (Nikko Road) which assists in the management of bushfire risks. It proposes to replace that road with a 3m wide easement which is not connected to any traversable road. The 3m wide easement is not adequate for fire trucks, particularly to that land on the eastern side of the rail corridor south of the motorway link road.
4. There are significant residential areas in the vicinity. WSC took the responsible planning measure of identifying bushfire prone vegetation areas.

Noise & Dust

1. The Amended DA shows the day time noise levels for Bushells Road Residential Sites as ranging between 40-50dBA for both daytime and night time noise levels. The Amended DA states that at a Bushells Ridge Road residence (receptor), has predicted levels that exceed the PSNC by up to 4dBA.
2. Page vi of the Amended DA recognises that mitigation is required for single residence (receptor P16), and that the proponent "*will consult with these landowners and offer to apply appropriate acoustic treatments in accordance with the Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy for State Significant Mining,*

Petroleum and Extractive Industry Developments (NSW Government, 2014)." No similar consideration is made for any other properties, including those located in nearby Blue Haven.

3. The Amended DA offers no solution for the unsatisfactory noise levels that will be generated for people on adjoining land outside their homes or to the amenity of their land generally.

Further Considerations

The proposed conveyor system and coal loader is less than 300m from Blue Haven. This will have a detrimental effect on the health of the residents.

Yours sincerely