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Re submission- Application SSD7480 Vickery extension project

I do not agree with this project on for the following reasons.

- Whitehaven has shown no consideration for their social licence in Boggabri
- The closing of the Whitehaven office has had a detrimental effect on the Boggabri community.
- To rebuild the WHC social licence we believe having an office in Boggabri to rebuild the relationship with the community.
- The EIS states 65 workers will come Boggabri we currently have very little unemployment, so we can't see the company fulfil this commitment.
- Commitments and promises from Whitehaven coal projects still haven't been fulfilled.
- EIS states the project will "tip the demand" for a childcare centre – already a in consent in the Vickery mine VPA, to which the community has not been made aware of.
- Throughout the social impact's assessment, it made it very clear there is already a very high level of distrust of the proponent, concerns for the likely impacts and sceptical of the models. The proponent spends considerable time explaining that the project was approved five years ago. Surely this would indicate ample time in which to consult with key people, build trust with them and explain in detail the project. And yet, the result of all that time is actually less trust and openness, not more. Furthermore, local community members have firsthand experience from those impacted by the Maules Creek mine to learn from.

**This should be a clear warning for the Department that this proponent has no interest and/or ability to build respectful relationships with the community.**

- Pg 96 states that the project is not expected to impact on farming livelihoods. This is an outrageous statement made a number of times by the proponent. It goes on to state that it is all grazing country (Class 4 only). Whilst the proponent currently owns the land area on which the mine is to be built, they have deemed this to be not good quality agricultural land. However, areas that will fall under the compulsory acquisition zone are very good quality land (Class???) and will be impacted by the mine.
- In order to revitalise the town and attract families to the town. We would like to see growth of Boggabri which could involve VPA funding for Whitehaven to develop industrial land to be and sold for fair prices to industries to create industry & business in Boggabri.

### Air quality

- I request an air quality monitor should be installed in Boggabri and connected to the Namoi regional air monitoring network to ensure the air quality for our community.
- The modelling produced for the Maules creek mine have proven to be inaccurate
- Boggabri is north west of the project protection of Boggabri from the dust with predominate winds from the south east, despite what WHC has stated that the Boggabri township to the west
- How can land holders or the Boggabri township not be accumulatively affected by dust from this mine.
- Blast fume – there is no clarity of blast fume, of to which direction the fume. NB the predominate wind from the south /south east would mean landholders west/ north west of the project & Boggabri town

### Rail Loop

- I would request an Independent impact study on railway movements in and around Boggabri townships and surrounding private properties in and around the cumulative coal mines on the Boggabri community.
- Nowhere in the detail or model in the EIS of how it is designs / detail on the rail line crossing the flood plan.

### Flooding,

- Given the lack of transparency to date by WHC, we can't know what can happen with water /flooding if we haven't got a plan.
- I object to the proposed train line going straight across the Namoi floodplain. Any structure in this area will concentrate and divert water flow increasing velocity and depth of water. The degree to which this will occur is a big question, made even more uncertain by the lack of detail about the structure in the EIS.
- There has been no local consultation with long term residents and farmers to seek local knowledge of flood plain and floods in the area.

### Noise

- I object to this project until our community can see a noise management plan.

### Bore field

- There was high concern for the water impacts the company has said they did not need to buy any new licences to run Vickery and never once mentioned the new bore field. This is another example of the deceit to the community shown by the proponent.
- Added pressure of 10 additional 1meg bores in zone 4 both town bores are located within this zone. The risk of leaching and contamination of town drinking water increases. This increases the potential for impact on the quality and availability of town water supply.
- Should be 200m apart of 400m from neighbour's boundary
- Independent water panel for water taken from vickery and cumulative coal mines. Should include both aquifers – use of water from Maules creek aquifer will pull water from alluvial aquifers i.e. vertical leakage from Namoi alluvium to underlying consolidated material of Maules Creek formation.
- Impact of surface water take and the release of contaminated surface water into the Namoi River system.

Kind regards

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