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Dear Sir,

Re: Submission to Project Approval 11_0047 MOD 1- Tarrawonga Coal Mine

I refer to the abovementioned project modification recently on exhibition and appreciate your offer to extend the submission period to allow Council to make a submission on this matter.

The Environmental Assessment of the project was considered by Council at its meeting held on 1 April 2014 and as a result the following submission is made in regarding the project modification.

Council does not support the proposed modification of project approvals (11_0047) and (10_0015) to allow continued use of the northern section of the Approved Road Transport Route to the Gunnedah CHPP for the following reasons:

1.
 - (a) The increased traffic volumes using the public roads will increase Council road maintenance costs unless a further road maintenance agreement is negotiated between the proponents and Council to ensure road maintenance costs are fully funded for the life of the mine.
 - (b) The alternative rail transport option from the Boggabri mine allows for a better community outcome through:
 - (i) Less danger to other road users from increased heavy vehicle traffic, and
 - (ii) Rail being a more efficient transport mode than road resulting in less demand for resources to deliver coal, and
 - (iii) Less risk of increased noise and coal dust deposition due to transport along the road.
2. That Council again express the need for a Regional Air Quality Monitoring Network for the Gunnedah Basin due to concerns with the loss of amenity and potential health effects from coal dust emissions emanating from increase open cut coal mines and the transport of the product to markets.

Yours sincerely,



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