

Matthew Riley - EPQ comments - Exhibition - Tarrawonga and Rocglen Coal Mine Modifications (11_0047 MOD 1 & 10_0015 MOD 1) (Narrabri & Gunnedah LGA's)

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Hi Matthew,

The EPA raises the following comments in relation to the Tarrawonga and Rocglen Coal Mine Modifications (11_0047 MOD 1 & 10_0015 MOD 1).

Comment 1

Modification- Tarrawonga Coal Mine (p1) states *"All dwellings proximal to the northern section of the Approved Road Transport Route are currently owned by Whitehaven and/ or BCPL, or are subject to a purchase agreement by Whitehaven (Figure 2)".*

Any dwelling which is owned by BCPL should really have a private agreement with Tarrawonga (and I suggest vice versa) so there is a legal mechanism in which impacts associated with each other's activities are addressed appropriately. To simply indicate, that because the residence is owned by another mine, impacts do not need to be considered does not appear to be appropriate.

Comment 2

3.2 ROM Coal Haulage Hours- *"It is proposed that for the Modification, the Tarrawonga ROM coal haulage transportation hours would be updated to be consistent with those expected for the Vickery Coal Project, which are as follows...:*

- *6:00am to 10:00pm Monday to Friday; and*
- *7:00am to 6:00pm Saturday."*

The current EPA environment protection licence no. 3637 for the CHPP has the following noise limit conditions.

L3.1 Noise generated at the premises must not exceed the noise limits in the table below.

Location	Day LAeq (15minute)	Evening LAeq (15minute)	Night LAeq (15minute)	Night LA1 (1minute)
Non project related residences adjacent to Kamilaroi Highway including residences on properties 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 identified on	38	37	35	45

Figure 3.3 of the Statement of Environmental Effects.				
Non project related residences adjacent to Quia and Torrens Rd including residences on properties 13, 15, 16 and 17 identified on Figure 3.3 of the Statement of Environmental Effects.	39	35	35	45
Non project related residences to north west of premises along Wurringulla Road.	35	35	35	45

L3.4 The limits set by condition L3.1 do not apply where a legally binding agreement exists between the licensee and the occupant of a residential property that provides an alternative means of compensation or similar to address noise impacts from the premises.

The Modification Application does not appear to provide any noise impact assessment in line with the INP for the CHPP premises. The INP is only referred to at the northern section of the Approved Road Transport Route. By allowing Tarrawonga ROM coal haulage to commence at 6am, rather than the current 7am, it is likely ROM coal haulage trucks would begin entering the CHPP at 6:30am. The Modification Application has not assessed the noise impacts from this change to demonstrate it can comply with the noise limits above for night time LAeq (15 minute) or LA1 (1 minute) under the current EPA environment protection licence no. 3637 for the CHPP.

Where limits cannot be complied with, evidence of a suitable private agreement with any affected receptor should be demonstrated to satisfy condition L3.4 of the current EPA environment protection licence no. 3637 for the CHPP.

The EPA understands the finalisation of the Vickery Project deals with noise impacts following the commissioning of the proposed private haul road and Kamilaroi Highway overpass, but the EPA does not consider that noise impacts during the interim period has been adequately assessed for the residents adjacent the CHPP.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact me or Kharl Turnbull on 02 6773 7000 or email armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Regards

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**Tarrawonga and Rocglen Coal Mines
Exhibition of Modification Applications**

Tarrawonga Coal Pty Limited and Whitehaven Coal Limited have submitted modification applications for the Tarrawonga (11_0047) and Rocglen (10_0015) Coal Mines.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) will be publically exhibited from **Tuesday 11 March** until **Friday 28 March 2014**. I have asked the Proponent to supply you with copies of the EA directly.

The Department invites you to comment on the proposed modifications, including advice on recommenced conditions, by **Friday 28 March 2014**.

If you have any enquiries please contact me on the details below.

kind regards

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