

Roads and Maritime Services Comment		WHC Response
1	It is understood that the proposed modifications for 10_0015 Mod 4 (Rockglen Coal Mine) and 11_0047 Mod 6 (Tarrawonga Coal Mine) apply to the 2018 calendar year and seek to continue a temporary increase in the cumulative total volume of coal from 3.5 to 4 million tonnes per annum (4Mtpa). The proposed modifications require no changes to the haulage hours or fleet of trucks used.	WHC confirms that RMS understanding of the proposed modifications for PA 10_0015 Mod 4 (Rockglen Coal Mine) and PA 11_0047 Mod 6 (Tarrawonga Coal Mine) is correct.
2	It is suggested that all relevant project documents be updated to address the proposed increase in peak vehicle movements, in particular the Transport Contractor's Driver <i>Code of Conduct</i> and associated induction procedures.	February 2017 modifications to PA 10_0015 and PA 11_0047, permitting cumulative haulage up to 4Mtpa in 2017, included conditions 27(e) and 54A(e) respectively that required the revision of the Traffic Management Plan, including driver's Code of Conduct and induction process. The Traffic Management Plan has been revised as per conditions.
3	Based on recent onsite investigations and consultation with Gunnedah Shire Council, Roads and Maritime requests asphalt concrete resurfacing of the Kamilaroi Highway between the Blue Vale Road and Whitehaven Coal Handling and Processing Plant (CHPP) be undertaken as a condition of the approval.	<p>WHC continues to implement road maintenance agreements with relevant Council's in accordance with existing Project Approval conditions (refer below). These agreements provide for ongoing road maintenance contributions from WHC, and a mechanism for dispute resolution. WHC believes the existing conditioning of PA 10_0015 and PA 11_0047 adequately provide for any required road maintenance related to WHC haulage activity, negating the need for specific conditioning as requested by RMS.</p> <p>Road Maintenance (PA 10_0015)</p> <p>26. During the project, the Proponent shall contribute towards the maintenance of the public roads used by the project, in accordance with the existing road maintenance agreement between the Proponent and Council, as may be modified from time to time through the agreement of both parties. If there is a dispute in relation to the agreement, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.</p> <p>Road Maintenance (PA 11_0047)</p> <p>55. During mining operations, the Proponent shall continue to implement road maintenance agreements with Narrabri Shire Council and Gunnedah Shire Council for the maintenance of the public roads affected by the project to the satisfaction of the respective Council. These agreements may be modified from time to time by agreement of the Proponent and respective Council. If there is any dispute in relation to these agreements, then any of the parties may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.</p>