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Dear John

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The Commission seeks clarification in relation to comments made in Clean TeQ's Environmental Assessment (EA), regarding landowner agreements. Section 4.4.2, page 74 of Clean TeQ's EA states:

"Given the considerable operating costs associated with significantly modifying mining operations during adverse meteorological conditions, Clean TeQ will seek to enter into negotiated agreements with the owners of the four properties with predicted moderate and significant exceedances in accordance with the NSW Government's (2014) Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy. Clean TeQ may also seek to purchase these properties.

If negotiated agreements were to be put in place with the owners of the four properties, or these properties were to become mine-owned, significant modifications to mining operations would not be considered reasonable to Clean TeQ, and modifications to mining operations would be less significant, with a noise reduction of less than 5 dBA (e.g. ceasing operation of a small number of noisy equipment such as drills, moving equipment to more sheltered areas, or avoiding the use of intermittently operating auxiliary equipment).

However, if negotiated agreements (or purchase agreements) with the owners of the four properties are not achieved, or are only achieved for a subset of the four properties, Clean TeQ would significantly modify mining operations at night during Category F temperature inversions as required to reduce noise levels by up to 5 dBA".

The Commission requests that Clean TeQ provide details regarding any negotiated agreements with landowners to date, including attempts at negotiated agreements, or the purchase of properties, in accordance with the NSW Government's *Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy*.

The Commission would appreciate a response by no later than **Wednesday 7 November 2018**.

Should you have any questions please contact Alana Jelfs, Senior Planning Officer on 9383 2100.

Yours sincerely

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