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Kind regards

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Attention Rose-Anne Hawkeswood

I am writing in regards to the Boggabri MOD 7 to which we strongly object. We don't believe this modification is administrative, there are two matters which are not minor.

Firstly, what concerns us is Boggabri Coals request to modify condition 47a of consent, to give discretion powers to the Secretary of Planning, removes the time-limit for securing the biodiversity offsets for the Leard Forest. To remove a time-limit potentially leaves the deferment of actually securing the offsets. mod7 goes against the ruling and intent of the Planning Assessment process, and is contrary to the local's interest and expectations. As many of our members are Shenhua neighbours we fear if this modification goes ahead it will allow others deferral offset securement, that could soften the expectations and minimum standards and community realities in other areas. Boggabri Coal is committed to its offsets for the protection of the Leard koalas, which surprisingly survive in spots of the forest, and should be proactively seeking remedy to their planning reality, not seeking to redress their failures.

We also query the road transportation modification, which opens up the possibility of an unspecified number of coal trucking movements to Gunnedah. The anecdotal movements already outlined by many neighbors to us, clearly again goes against the grain of the original PAC ruling that this community has had to live with and endure. These unspecified movements, compounded with existing increased movements over the years is having a devastating effect already on country roads and the residents. With Vickery looking to move ahead with their project we fear for the community coping with all these cumulative, and as yet untested amount of trucking movements on the road.

This modification to the original PAC ruling should be clearer in its detail to the public and a sufficient time plan placed around a formal exhibition option. mod7 should be referred back to a PAC process to allow for proper analysis and community review. We strongly reject this modification.

