

APPENDIX 3

Acoustics



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NOISE IMPLICATIONS OF VARIATION TO APPROVED MCP LAYOUT

Dear Sir,

Thank you for forwarding drawings of the approved Moolarben Coal Project (MCP) Stage 1 and a proposed amendment to the rail loop layout for acoustic comment.

Having reviewed both plans and the noise assessment conducted by Spectrum Acoustics for the Stage 1 and 2 EA's, it is evident that there is only a small change to the eastern half of the rail loop. There is no proposal to move any component of the coal processing facilities, including the rail load-out point.

The proposed amendments will not result in a measurable change in the noise levels predicted in the EA's and an acoustic re-assessment of the proposed change is not required to assist with the regulatory authorities' consideration of the modification application.

Please call our office on 4954 2276 if you require further information.

Yours faithfully,

SPECTRUM ACOUSTICS PTY LIMITED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Pennington', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Neil Pennington
Principal/Director