

August 27, 2020

By Email Only

Tracy Welsh

**Statement of Concern No. 31772  
Yangarra Resources Corp. (Yangarra)  
Application No. 30659104**

Dear Madam:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 30659104. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your SOC, along with the application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required to consider the concerns outlined in your SOC.

In our review of your concerns, we considered the following:

- The proposed project does not fall within your land and is located approximately 1.32 km west from your residence.
- In regards to your noise concerns, should indoor noise levels impact residents during 24-hour operations, Yangarra will offer to mitigate your concerns through a variety of measures such as temporary relocation during the highest activity levels. Yangarra has stated that it will ensure compliance with AER *Directive 038: Noise Control* (Directive 038) requirements.
- The AER acknowledges your concerns regarding ground water contamination and potential impacts to your water well. Yangarra has committed to conducting a water well assessment of your water well during the drilling and fracing operations of the proposed project.
- Surface casing will be set below the potable ground water formation to prevent contamination. Yangarra has stated that it will ensure compliance with AER *Directive 008: Surface Casing Depth Requirement* and AER *Directive 009: Casing Cementing Minimum Requirements*.
- Your concerns regarding potential impacts to vegetation and wildlife are beyond the scope of this application as they are in relation to land use activities applied for under the *Public Lands Act*.

Yangarra has an existing Mineral Surface Lease disposition. This application is for a multi- well licence which will allow Yangarra to drill the applied for wells. Yangarra must adhere to the operating standards and conditions previously issued for its' existing PLA approval.

- Your stated concerns regarding traffic and road use are outside the AER's jurisdiction, and should be addressed with the appropriate provincial or municipal authorities.
- Yangarra is required to meet all environmental and regulatory requirements.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that you have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by a decision on this application. Therefore, the AER has decided it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a decision on the application. The AER has issued the applied-for licences and this is your notice of that decision. Copies of the licences are attached.

All AER-regulated parties must comply not only with the conditions of their authorizations, but with all of the AER's regulatory requirements. To ensure industry compliance the AER has developed its *Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework*, which embodies the three main components of all effective compliance assurance programs, those being education, prevention, and enforcement. You can find out more about how the AER verifies industry compliance and responds to noncompliance here: <https://aer.ca/regulating-development/compliance/compliance-assurance-program>.

You may file a regulatory appeal on the AER's decision to issue the licence if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are located here: <https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process>.

If you have any questions please contact [SOC@aer.ca](mailto:SOC@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

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Director, Oil & Gas Surface  
Regulatory Applications  
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Attachment (2): Licence

cc: Jim Evaskevich, Yangarra Resources Corp.  
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