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Content:

Here we go again. Another proposal for another mine in the Hunter. If it's not approved, the world will not fall apart, the world will be a healthier place and Australia will be reducing the amount of CO2 it exports.

Re: Justification.

I note that renewable energy sources have not been adequately researched or comparably costed. I'd also suggest that Australian's are capable of doing more than digging holes in the dirt, and having its NSW State Department employees investing hours of time reviewing applications that seek to rip the place up, lie about the long-term benefits to the community and mess with our water sys tems.

Re: Social impacts

This proposal will cause significant air and noise pollution.

This is proposed to be within 10kms of the residents of Muswellbrook alone. The preliminary 2011 population of Muswellbrook Shire is 16,923 people. I note that in the report commission by Beyond Zero Emissions 'The Health and Social Impacts of Coal Report', one of the key findings was that:

"There are clear indications from the international health research literature that there are serious health and social harms associated with coal mining and coal‐fired power stations for people living in surrounding communities." The paper recommended a significant buffer between people and mining operations.

I don't believe the employment of 55 people can be balanced against potential health risks to 16,923 people. Do you? I ask you to imagine your entire family, loved ones and social network living there, and then begin to cont emplate recommending this be approved.

Re: Restoring the area.

Claims that the company can restore the area to (almost) its previous state are absolute rubbish. What the company proposes is veneer work at best. I note that while the mine and restoration process take place, there is no temporary nursing home for native wildlife. The result is, a higher number of native wildlife will be left to compete for survival in a smaller, nearby area and the result will be a diminished wildlife population.

The 107 ha critically endangered Box-Gum Woodland derived native grasses and 398 ha native forest, woodland and shrubland can not be replaced. While ever your department continues down a path of thinking it can batter off any endangered item, we end up getting to a place of battering the last one percent of the last one percent.

Re: Impacts to rivers and creeks

This will negatively impact on the health of the Hunter River, Saddle rs Creek and Saltwater Creek. We might turn to the gargantuan stuff around the Murray Darling and see it an example of why we should not consider approving anything that threatens our rivers and creeks.

Re: CO2 emissions

This project will produce additional 0.31 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year according the estimates provided. This does not take into account the amount of greenhouse gas emissions the product will create once used and I find this grossly unacceptable.

Re: Proximity to Wollemi Park

I note the proximity of fugitive dust emissions that may be swept over the nearby Wollemi National Park and the lack of data relating that threat to particular plant species that must have full light in order to regenerate.

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Submission: Online Submission from Justin McKee (object)

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Submission for Job: #4814 Drayton South Coal Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_job&id=4814

Site: #43 Drayton Mine; 13km south of Muswellbrook,

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_site&id=43

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