

David Mooney - Objection to Drayton South Coal Project

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Mr David Mooney
The Department of Planning & Infrastructure

Re: Objection to Drayton South Coal Project
Application Number: 11_0062

As a longterm Hunter resident who has watched the ruin of the Valley between Singleton and Muswellbrook over a decade from cumulative opencut mining, I write to object to the Drayton South open coal mine project.

Both my parents grew up in Muswellbrook; I travel through there frequently. I know what the green dairy flats and the natural hills looked like, and I know the air was clear once. It is putrid now and Muswellbrook regularly tops the worst air quality in the state.

I do not believe that you should be contemplating adding to this pollution and the health burden it causes.

Nor should this mine be allowed to impact on the traditional horse and wine industries – those that are left. It is ridiculous and unfair to permit a mine so close to seven thoroughbred horse studs, including Coolmore and Woodlands, eleven dairies, four vineyards (3 with wineries), and an olive grove with a processing plant.

Jerrys Plains farms and families cannot cope with closer mining and more air and noise pollution.

I know there are many environmental reasons why this mine should be rejected, and that the water and woodland damage will be longterm and significant.

But overall, it is the pollution that should make you reject it. No amount of sham conditions will help. Go to Muswellbrook and see for yourself. Enough is enough.

So I ask that you register my objection to this proposal and seriously consider it when assessing the appropriateness of this Drayton South open cut coal Proposal.

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Yours sincerely,

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