

21st Of December 2012

Director General
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2012

To Dear Sir – Madam

Reference: Objection to the Drayton South Open Cut Coal Mine Proposal.

I am writing to you as a concerned land & business owner from Doyles Creek in the Hunter Valley. I am extremely concerned that current new mine proposals, (& I consider Drayton South as a new mine & not an extension) are unsustainable when the cumulative effects with the existing mines are considered.

The Drayton South proposal appears to look like the Super Pit of the Hunter Valley & will boarder some of the richest agricultural land in the Valley. We have 2 world class Thoroughbred Horse Studs which I would say will be forced to reconsider their viability if they have a mine of that size on their back door. We also have many smaller studs & many valuable agricultural properties which will also have this mine in their back yard.

We personally, continually clean black dust out of our home & can hear the operations at Wambo most nights of the week. We put up with this & don't complain as we live near a mining area, but how far can it go. How far before the cumulative health & social impacts eventually destroy our rural communities? How far before there are serious effects on people's health social wellbeing? Who will be liable when this happens?

I am not an environmental activist nor am I anti mining as I have worked in the mining industry all my life. We currently have a mining industry here that is sustainable where the surrounding communities can have a reasonable lifestyle. This new round of new mine proposals will defiantly destroy all of this. Drayton South, Nucoal, Bickham & the Ashton Extension spell total disaster for our rural communities.

I ask that you register my objection to this proposal & consider my objection when you asses the Drayton South Proposal

Regards

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