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The Director General
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Objection to the Anglo American Drayton South Open Cut Mine Proposal

I am writing as a concerned citizen/voter in New South Wales to object to the Drayton South open coal mine project. My reasons for objecting to this proposal are as follows:

My objection to the Drayton South Open Cut Mine Proposal is based on the impacts that this mining project will have on the local industries, the cumulative health effects of mining in the Muswellbrook/Singleton region, the ever-expanding moonscape in the region, and the post-mining rehabilitation of the project.

This mine like the other mines in the area, has contributed to making the luscious and vibrant Hunter Valley into a desolate moonscape, with only the grey and dark holes in the ground for view. This visual eyesore would have a significant impact on the residence living the area and the tourism industry that the local residence depends on for their livelihood.

Further impacts by this mine to the local community comes from the expansion of the destructive forces of the mining industry, over-riding the local industries rights to access an un-disrupted clean water supply for the agricultural and thoroughbred industry, that are a key employer in the region and this particular project will take place literally across the road from the two biggest studs. This project's Environmental Assessment does not take into account the impacts of the neighbouring and local farms. The report has admitted that through the mining project will encroach and reduce the neighbouring agricultural production capacity from the estimated \$701,208 per annum to \$257,110 per annum according to the Drayton South Coal Project's Agricultural Impact Assessment. This shows a complete disregarded and contempt by Anglo-American for a pre-existing local industry that is vital to the local economy of Muswellbrook and Singleton.

This mining project will add to the cumulative effect on the air quality and dust issues in the Muswellbrook/Singleton

region. This has not been taken into account in the air.

The watering down of coal dust from this project deviates important water supplies from more vital services and industries (like the local agricultural/equine industries) to be put into a process which is in-efficient, attempts to mitigate a problem that should not occur and the run-off from this watering down process leeches pollutants into the local environment and water supply.

There is a lack of evidence that the land can be returned to a viable agricultural use post the mining project and that many of the projects in New South Wales have yet to be rehabilitated to anywhere near their original state and considering the scale of many of the mining projects in the Muswellbrook/Singleton area, it can hardly be proved that any mine here would ever achieve full recovery. I refer to the New South Wales Auditor-General's Report to Parliament Vol. Six 2011; focus on Environment, Water and Regional Infrastructure, where it has stated that "303 contaminated sites under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (the CLM Act) and Environmentally Hazardous Chemicals Act 1985 and that 11 percent are on State land" and over 500 derelict mines that were covered by other former state departments that have not been accounted for under the CLM Act. The report continues to state that "the Derelict Mine Program has many thousands of hectares of degraded and contaminated lands where the mining companies abandoned a mine without cleaning up or stabilising the mine site". It is my belief that this project will simply become another statistic to the New South Wales Auditor-General's office in 27 years time, creating a further burden on the New South Wales Government derelict mining issues, not to mention the effect this will have on the already overburdened residents of the Muswellbrook and Singleton region that will have to deal with the cumulative effects of having another abandoned mining operation.

On the basis of the issues I have presented in this submission, I respectfully ask that you register my objection to this proposal and seriously consider my objections when assessing the appropriateness of the Drayton South open cut coal Proposal.

Yours faithfully ,

Nicholas Dugonics

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Submission: Online Submission from Nicholas Dugonics (object)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_diary&id=50113

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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