

David Mooney - Objection to Drayton South

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Objection to Drayton South Coal Project Application Number: 11_0062

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This proposal is an additional mining operation in the mid Hunter Valley near Bayswater Power station.

It lies west of Jerrys Plains and south of Muswellbrook.

It proposes to extend the impacts of open cut mining to the south east of the large Mt Arthur Nth operations.

We object to this application, and here are some of the reasons for our objections:

It will contribute to Climate Change and Global Warming and:

- Proposal to extract 119 million tonnes of coal over 27 years
- Produce additional 0.31 million tones of greenhouse gas emissions per year
- Will cause air and noise pollution
- Will destroy 1,928 ha including 107 ha critically endangered Box-Gum Woodland

derived native grasses and 398 ha native forest, woodland and shrubland

- The proposed biodiversity offset property is in a different bioregion approx 70kms to north of mine proposal
- Will impact on Hunter River, Saddlers Creek and Saltwater Creek
- Will impact on groundwater dependent ecosystems, particularly Red Gum and River Oak.
- Will leave post mining final void that will take approx 1,000 yrs to reach equilibrium
- Is adjacent to seven thoroughbred horse studs including Coolmore and Woodlands, eleven dairies, four vineyards (3 with wineries), an olive grove with processing plant
- Economic assessment is not rigorous