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Director-General

The Director General  
The Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

I am writing as a concerned business owner, to object to the Drayton South open coal mine project

I conduct tours of our beautiful region ( Upper Hunter Tours) including the National Parks, Thoroughbred Studs, Vineyards, Olive Groves and historic homesteads. The visual impact of the Open Cut Mines in the area in particular those that are going to be close to the studs and the township of Denman i am totally against.

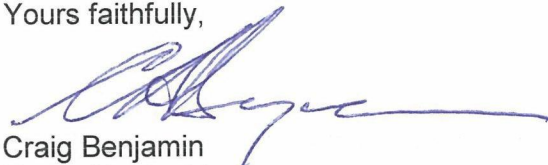
The visitors we have both from Australia and Overseas cant believe we are doing to our pristeen area.

I tell them its all about money for the State Government and the Mining Companies and we all come second after that.

Why cant you leave well alone and dont destroy any more land in our area.

I respectfully ask that you register my objection to this proposal and seriously consider my objections when assessing the appropriateness o f the Drayton South open cut coal Proposal.

Yours faithfully,



Craig Benjamin  
Upper Hunter Tours