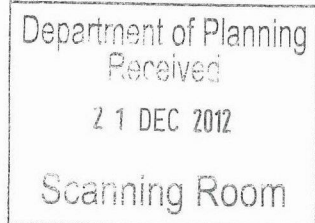


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Dear Sir,

Drayton South Coal Project – 11/0062

We wish to lodge a Submission on the Environmental Assessment (EA) in respect of the abovementioned project for the extension of Drayton Mine.

The environmental impact assessment indicates the impacts from the proposed project are consistent with those already approved by the current Drayton Mine Project Approval with the addition of an open cut and highwall mining operation, extracting up to 7 Mtpa ROM coal over 27 years with the utilization of the existing Drayton Mine workforce, equipment and the utilization of existing Drayton Mine infrastructure together with the construction of a transport corridor between Drayton South and Drayton Mine. The increase of trucks carting overburden and the likely changes to noise impacts as a result also creates further uncertainty.

We wish to submit our objections on the basis that the existing mine already creates unsatisfactory cumulative noise, blasting impacts and rail traffic impacts interfering with living standards to the Antiene landowners, particularly our residence in Pamger Drive, Muswellbrook. This is substantiated by the number of complaints reported at every Drayton Community Consultative Committee Meeting. This information can be obtained from Drayton Mine's records.

As indicated Drayton Mine will continue to operate under existing Project Approval 06-0202 and there will be a period when Drayton Mine and Drayton South operates concurrently. This will be most unsatisfactory to us as since the operation of Drayton Mine commenced in 1983, our property has been seriously affected by the mining operations of Drayton Mine and any further increased operations will only exasperate the current situation.

It is with this in mind we strongly object to any further extension of the Drayton Mine which will only further depreciate our property value, interfere with our living standards and continue to provide further increased unwarranted living standards.

Yours faithfully,

G.H.J. & P.H. de Boer