

David Mooney - Submission: Objection to Anglo American Drayton South Mine Proposal

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The Director General

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Dear Sir

Submission: Objection to Anglo American Drayton South Mine Proposal

I live and work in the Hunter Valley and would like to make a submission objecting to the above mine proposal.

I am a professional photographer and journalist for the thoroughbred industry – on a local, national and international scale. I am also involved in the local community/shires tourism and promotion activities. I also have diversity in my photography business and undertake portrait, wedding, event work.

I am disgusted the way the government continues to metre out mining expansion at the expense of our international renowned thoroughbred industry in the Hunter Valley – it is one of three areas in the world that has the topography, soil, landscape to develop an industry of this scale and provide for vertical integration. It simply cannot be picked up and relocated.

You impact on one major stud such as Coolmore and Darley at one end of the upper Hunter Valley and the flow on effects will reverberate nationally, investment downstream in the industry will be curtailed, affecting many family businesses and industry participants, particularly at the local level in the Hunter Valley. The demand for my work will be significantly reduced. Some may say the demise or relocation of Coolmore and / or Darley out of the Hunter Valley will be good for other major industry competitors in Valley, but that is a short cited remark, as the leaders of the industry (including NSW State Government leaders) encourage and support new investors in to the industry and the community recognise the contribution these individual studs make to the community and industry.

I rely on the industry for the majority of my livelihood. My expertise is Thoroughbred knowledge and thoroughbred photography which is a skill that takes considerable patience and time to develop and carve out a reputation. This is my lifelong investment in this industry, and a mine is threatening my future...again. Bickham and Dartbrook being the others, there are possibly others I don't know about as yet.

We require certainty of our current investments and future investments. This ongoing mining – land use conflict benefits no one. The Anglo proposal is another disaster for the community and thoroughbred industry, threatening our investments and future.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing a link to a 1 minute 49 second video that I have produced on the "value" of the Horse Capital brand. While this may appear Scone centric the thoroughbred industry is central to our brand: <http://video214.com/play/YRbyNAEA1TAWTwp6pfOnog/s/dark> This provides a summary against the encroaching engine which the is the coal industry – Anglo's current proposal was submitted after this video was made...how many more mines are coming – Doyles Creek, Bickham, Spur Hill, Dartbrook – the future does not look viable for me to continue my business investments if so.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my reasons for objecting to this proposed new mine.

Regards Katrina Partridge

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