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The Director General  
The Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
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Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re: Objection to the Anglo American Drayton South Open Cut Mine Proposal  
Application Number: 11\_0062**

I am writing as a concerned resident and also business owner to object to the Drayton South open coal mine project. I own and operate Jerrys Plains Veterinary Clinic and have been a veterinary surgeon in the local area for over 40 years. My wife and I also run a small horse stud in Jerrys Plains. My veterinary practice services a large number of farmers and residents in areas around Jerrys Plains. My reasons for objecting to this proposal are as follows:

- **I am concerned for local farmers and how this will effect the quality of produce**
- **Land values and how mining would adversely impact upon them**
- **Value and reputation of the entire Hunter Valley**
- **Welfare and health of horses due to proximity this proposal is to major horse studs**
- **The impact this mining proposal will have on immediate and neighbouring industries and community.**
- **Employment as the thoroughbred industry is a major employer in the region.**
- **Lack of evidence that the land can be returned to a viable agricultural use post mining.**
- **Adversely affecting soil characteristics**
- **Weed management**
- **General disturbance of natural eco system**
- **Bio security, being a major concern**
- **Water quality and quantity**
- **How this project will impact visually on the area.**
- **Air quality affecting residents and animals.**
- **Impact on Historical buildings in Jerrys Plains**
- **Increased traffic concerns**

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,

Dr James Rodger