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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Re: Coalpac Consolidation Project: Application No: 10\_1078**

**The Village of Cullen Bullen is already being negatively impacted by nearby Open-cut Mining activity.**

**I object to the Coalpac Consolidation Proposal entirely.**

**I object for these reasons:**

After Reading Coalpac's Response to the PAC recommendations, **I believe nothing has changed regarding Dust, Noise and Blasting to the Village of Cullen Bullen.**

The Village Boundaries shown on Coalpac Drawings are taken from old Documents from the late 1800's, resulting in large farm properties being split up over time therefore more homes have been built in close proximity to the village.

**My objections are.**

- Mining to the Castlereagh Highway from North of the Cemetery, back to the Village in the East Tidsley area. Wind coming from the North East will channel the dust between the two hills either side of the Village, spreading the dust over the Village. The wind can become very turbulent around the Village because of the terrain surrounding it. My question is - **How can Coalpac's prediction for dust readings within the Village be so precise?** Also Coalpac state they are reducing mining by 200 Hectare's. Of these 200 Hectare's - approximately 120 Hectare's are on the western side of the railway line, well away from the Village. The remaining 80 Hectare's approximately, are close to the Village on the eastern side of the railway. Approximately 300 residents reside in and around Cullen Bullen. Many are elderly and sick and tired, like me, of listening to endless banter from Coalpac and others with their own agenda. The majority of the residents have not changed their view - we don't want the **Dust or the Blasting destroying our health and living standards.** We do not object to Underground Mining but object to Open Cut Mining in this area.
- Coalpac have stated they will operate 13 x200 Tonne Dump Trucks and 4x100 Tonne Dump Trucks. What protection will the Village have from **Diesel Particulates, Noise and Dust created by these vehicles?** Coalpac only have to move a Dozer a distance and you can hear the tracks rattling from the Village.

- The Village has a small Creek running through it which feeds into Dulhuntys creek. At its source, at the North end of the Village in the East Tidsley area it is fed from underground springs and has had water in it for the 35 years I have lived here. The Mine plan shows their intention to build a Bund wall across the area it runs and Open Cut Mine this area which will; I know will completely ruin the Creek' springs and water table stoping them forever.
- The Mine states that residents unduly affected by noise, dust and Blasting - that they have negotiated agreements with - **should not release the Mine from their responsibility for their health.** As they have a **duty of care** to these residents as contaminated dust will be more heavily deposited around their properties than the centre of the Village?
- On page 12 of the Response to PAC Review Report it states, (**The Contracted Project will also have materially less health and amenity impact on Cullen Bullen Township and its surrounds. The example says remodelling will result 50% reduction in fine dust**). **So previous to this, one must assume we in the Village were receiving a greater amount of fine dust.** From the week leading up to Xmas 2012 to now (March 2013) Coalpac have been doing less mining as they have run out of area to mine. Previous to this, the dust in and outside the house was excessive and had to be cleaned daily. In the period mentioned the dust has all but stopped and cleaning is only required Weekly. The front of our house (No 220 on their plan) which is in the middle of the Village on 4 Hectares with no obstructions around it faces towards the main area of mining. For the past 3 years, the guttering on the front of the house was full of material which was cleaned 2 years previous, a sample was given to Bathurst EPA and has the results on file. **Before Open Cut Mining, in this area, the dust was minimal.**

In conclusion I have previously lodged a submission 26-04-2012 to the PAC which explains my objections in more detail.

Angus place Colliery and Springvale Colliery were both set up to supply coal to the Power Stations and can do so, well into the future combined with the other small open cut at Lidsdale and Blackmans Flat. Coalpac's statement that power prices will increase if they stop is false, **please read what the NSW Treasurer Mike Baird said in the Sunday Telegraph 17-03-2013 page 4 about prices.**

My background has been 40 years in Mining and the last 20 years as Mechanical Engineer IC at Baal Bone Colliery before my retirement.

Yours Sincerely

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