

I wish to submit my strong concerns in regards to the proposed United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine Project. This submission will discuss the adverse Social and Environmental impacts on my family, health, community and property.

I firmly believe this project and current project will have and has had a negative impact on our health and wellbeing, the decline in real estate values, furthermore also effecting the Jerrys Plains Community at large.

At present we are currently being negatively impacted by Wambo Operations due to the effects of noise, vibration, dust and nitrous oxide pollutants from blasting and operations especially during unfavourable weather conditions. This provides us with the constant reminder that noise, dust and vibration, and poor air quality will increase with the large scale of this development. Therefore I feel the impacts will be detrimental to my health and the enjoyment of a rural lifestyle. This has resulted in stress at times as I feel uncertain of my future.

My major concerns are the effects to my overall health and wellbeing, in particular is air quality in regard to the long term exposure and cumulative effects of fine particles, the levels of noise are disruptive to sleep and the enjoyment of outdoor activities, and the quality of harvested tank water and groundwater. This has resulted in stress at times as I feel uncertain about my future. I also have grave concerns for my pets as they have had respiratory problems in the past due to nitrous oxide after blasting and not being home to bring them to the safety of indoors.

I have developed a strong sense of community, as this has been my focus for the positive upbringing, wellbeing and education of my children and grandchildren which has proven to benefit them by being involved in a small village community of Jerrys Plains. I have great concerns for the associated health implications of fine particulate pollution, coal production has on the residents of Jerrys Plains living alongside such an expansive operation. I believe that as a regional community we are not being protected and being provided with effective air quality monitoring of PM2.5 fine particles therefore we may be exposed to harmful levels of pollution.

In 1998 we purchased our property which is now approximately 2kms from current mining. I commenced operations of a commercial cut flower farm specializing in Western Australian Eucalypts with a variety of 11 species. This property was sourced as being ideal for its ecoclimate for this flora and I believe I am the only grower of these species within close proximity of the Sydney Flower Markets. Due to dust this may have an effect on a quality product. I also have concerns for the many flora and fauna species in this area that I have come to enjoy.

In closing, I strongly oppose the approval of this proposed project as I have major concerns on the projects expansive footprint and the efficacy of providing protection to myself and community in the above reasoning. Thankyou for the opportunity to make a submission to this major project.