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Sent from my iPad Madame Commissioner ,Commissioners and Others.It shames me to be here again arguing the toss regarding the whys and wherefore of the suitability of the Shenhua Coal Mining development. We could in the same period of time we have spent on the almost futile discussions regarding its unsuitability ,it potential destructive and long term social, environmental and financial impacts on our water ,air health and social fabric,built the long needed and anticipated rail link,between Melbourne and Sydney with quite possibly not nearly the upheaval and disquiet ,that if this mine is given the green light ,will inflict on this community and it's surrounds. We have approached all colours of the political rainbow ,in an attempt by due, if rather convoluted process ,to identify the glaring deficiencies in the decision taken ,in the first place to grant an exploration licence ,the circumstances surrounding such a grant,the uncharacteristic quantities of money ,changing hands ,the foreign ownership of the company viz a government owned company,and then the very large purchase of the surrounding land and in recent times the even wider net of offset land acquired ,but all the while being told we needed the science to validate the facts we considered were as plain as the nose on you face ,that our waters,underground and surface ,our soils ,environment ,health and communities would be bugged if a 30 year licence or for that matter any time line coal development with the potential to mine multimillions of tonnes ,was given the nod.Now here we are ,almost at the last hurrah attempting to address the final rap on the knuckles by our current decision makers ,to mould the process into its final shape so conditions can be tweaked and fiddled with ,like Cinderellas' ugly sisters in their futile attempt to fit the glass slipper ,and guess what with all their energy and determination ,it just would not fit ,and as in this case it does not fit ,it cannot fit and it will not fit .There are no winners in this situation .You have a serious proponent ,a foreign government the Chinese people, for goodness sake ,the investor, encouraged to have wonderful expectations and a serious intelligent committed farming and grazing community telling you time and time again that the development comes with too great an economic price tag. You have seen the calibre of the youth ,the inter generational structure of the community .You have seen the quality of the environment ,the rarity of the vertisol composition of our soils .Our various unique microclimates which give us an amazing opportunity to grow so many different crops twice a year .You know the considered industry comes with damage,long term irreversable,and extensive .Even in the application process the fragility of the ridges in the blasting process has been highlighted .There is danger in them thar hills ,their destruction and reconstruction is capable of wrecking a region regarded internationally as unique and rare and productive .Do not allow them to be .disturbed !This is not a paranoia nor a rebuff of a serious investor but an appeal to listen to the science that has been gathered and presented by the community and those over the years that have listened ,observed worked and nurtured these fertile areas ,asking them time and time again to remake themselves ,to rise to yet another challenge ,but never to tear out its heart and turn it into the waste land we now see emerging in the Hunter Valley .An open

cut mine on the Watermark Ridge is the shoe that does not fit ! PatriciaDuddy Rossmar Park Quirindi Farmer and Grazier . Resident of Rossmar Park for fifty four years involved with my husband Clive Duddy ,resident of Rossmar Park for eightytwo years ,in Thoroughbred Horse breeding, cattle stud and commercial , farming and grazing Family of four children all involved in Various aspects and management of Agriculture .