

Attendance SPEECH FOR PAC HEARING AT LITHGOW ON FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017 SSD5594

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Springvale Mine Extension MOD 1 FOR one million tonnes a year production.

Good Morning: Ms. Abigail Goldberg (Chair) Ms. Lynelle Briggs AO and Mr. Ross Carter. I am a former State Accountant for Rocla Concrete Pipes Ltd and a director of Colong Foundation for Wilderness Ltd since 2006. I have visited with Keith Muir to Newnes Plateau and have witnessed the destruction of upland swamps caused by long wall mining progressively.

I endorse the Colong Foundation for Wilderness Ltd **Proposed amendments to the September 2015 development consent.**

In my submission on 23 August, 2016 to Rose-Anne Hawkeswood at the Dept of Planning and Infrastructure I noted that the Environment Impact Statement is tailored to the owner's requirements. Centennial Coal were in denial for years assuming swamps died due to adverse weather conditions. Independent reports confirm that underground coal mining is destroying the aquifers above. Once damaged the aquifer is beyond repair. Correspondence with Centennial on the protection of the Pagodas of Newnes Plateau surrounding pristine Carne West Swamp and a 25 metre waterfall below Carne West Swamp **now dry** fell on deaf ears. The fact that the Sept 2015 EIS approval omits existence of the waterfall should attract a large monetary fine.

Impacts of mine water discharges on the Cocks River:

To further protect the environment – BMWH and a source of Sydney's drinking water for 5,000,000 people: 19,000,000 litres a day of toxic mine water unless satisfactorily treated must not be drained into Cocks River. It should be treated and piped to the Mt. Piper Power Plant.

I have not made any reportable donations to political parties. Gardens of Stone Proposal 2 has been an ongoing passion for me. *It is of world significance.*

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