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I am writing in conjunction with my son - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as these two properties are designed to run in conjunction with each other, under the title of LEITCH BROS. [Appendix "A"].

I wish to object strongly to some of the existing plans & strategies for mining in the Maules Creek area in relation to Fauna, Environment, Underground & Surface Water, Land Devaluation, Family Dislocation & Human Health [both physical & mental].

No, I am not against coal mining, I support it with the correct management strategies

For fauna, environment & human concerns being met as coal mining is not only beneficial to the Australian economy but also important for the world's standard of living.

With the present government department's strategies & plans, there are major flaws & setbacks for humans, fauna & the environment, which are not only unsustainable but highly negligent for fauna & humans as soon as the mining starts.

May I give examples -

1. As mining commences there is an immediate effect & dislocation of wildlife & fauna in the closest area being mined due to human activity, food & shelter destruction & water availability or supply disruption.

It shows a lack of commonsense & complete disregard for the immediately effected wildlife & fauna near the mining area when so called "offset" or replacement areas can be acquired in the Barraba, Mount Lindsey & Playagan districts & shows complete lack of understanding & compassion for the immediately effected wildlife & fauna.

To have fauna & wildlife displaced due to no fault of their own selves, then to watch them slowly starve & fight to death is NOT an option, it only shows ignorance & negligence by mining & government departments & authorities.

** see enclosed graph.

Fauna Displacement & Replacement Lane areas should have to be acquired in the immediate effected area before mining commences, to give the wildlife & fauna the best chance of survival & sustainability. Even farming country should be re established to trees & grasses to accommodate the fauna & wildlife displacement & replacement zones.

Some of the country already acquired by the mines for so called "offsets", is already locked up by the government under SEP46 etc & already has a sustainable fauna & wildlife habitat established. These arrears are not creating or re establishing any NEW areas lost to mining, & are far from the immediate effected wildlife & fauna area.

2. Water -: Underground, subsurface & surface water will all be affected by mining. The problem is that the mining agencies & the relevant government departments do not have complete understanding, facts or completed scientific data to give a water tight guarantee on the total outcome of mining activities on water effects.

At the present pace of mining development the damage will be done & then the facts will be discovered, but, we & the fauna & environment will have to deal with the damage, as it is too late, the damage has been already done.

3. Dust & Pollution. -: I have already been diagnosed with early stages of Emphysema, & as with dust & pollution from existing mining operations in areas, I have seen with my own eyes [no need for scientific evidence], when the wind & sunlight are in the right position [I wish I had camera], puts me in the same position of mental torment as the underground & subsurface water dilemma, the health damage is already done & it is too late when the facts appear & I find out.
4. Noise Pollution -: If I wanted the constant torment of low irritable noise levels & the still debateable health damage & effects, I would install a wind turbine & receive some financial benefit from it, so I object to any noise pollution that is constant & a torment.
5. Family Dislocation -: As a grandparent, with my son & his wife & young family living in the immediate zone, ask this question = "Why would any parent in their right mind want to raise their family & live next to a major mine. Why take the health risks, both – mental & physical?? "

6. Property Devaluation -: For all of the above reasons our property has already lost value, the biggest majority of farmers & graziers do not want to live near a mine or take the risks with all the uncertainties involved & associated with it.

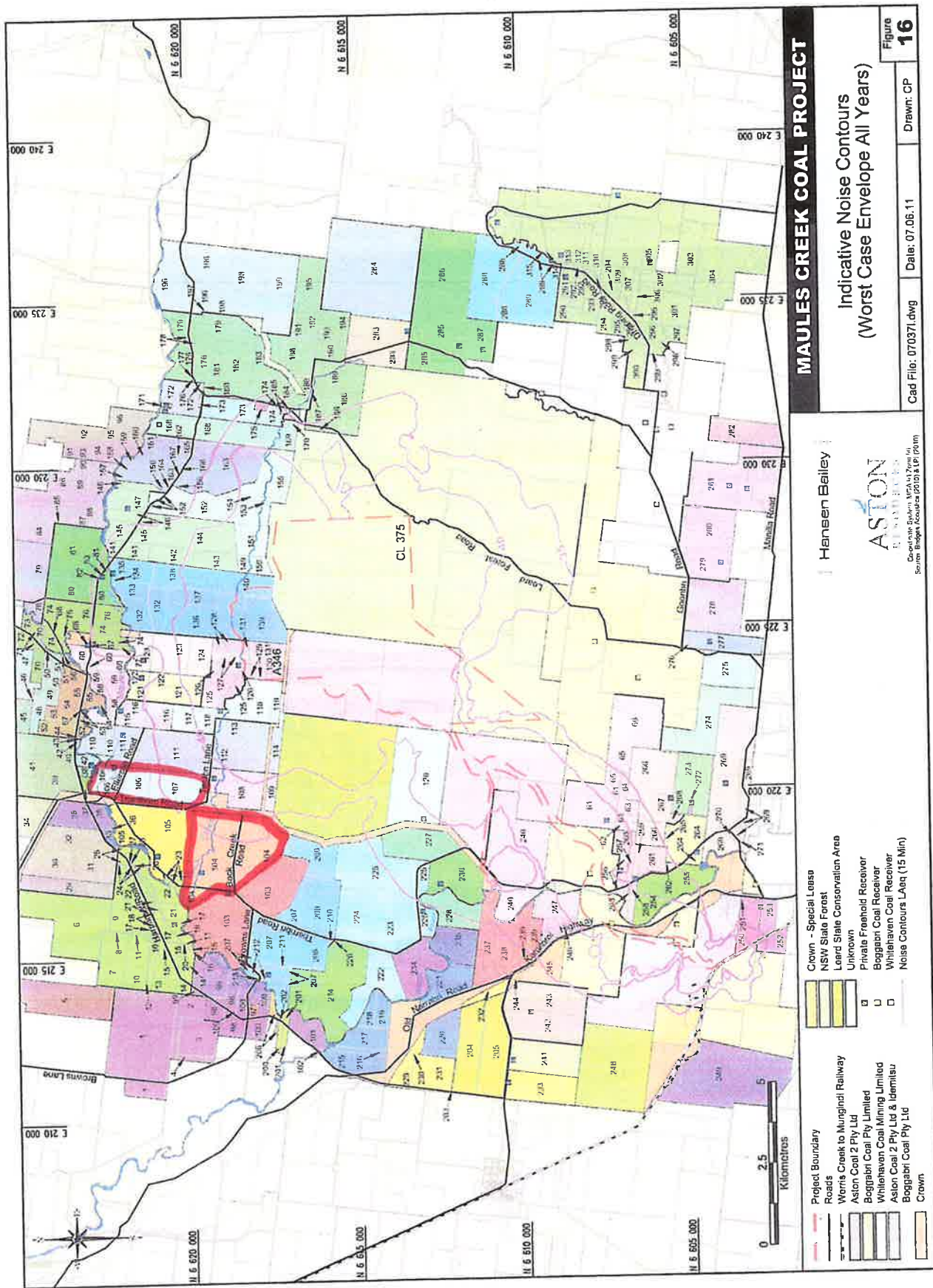
As I have already stated, I am not against coal mining with the correct planning & right strategies to protect humans, fauna environment & the next generation's future.

That is why I think it is most important to implement & facilitate NEW displacement zones & replacement zones that are new & unoccupied & do not already established fauna & wildlife population. These zones should be established nearest the mined areas to help alleviate & avoid the 6 problems I have previously raised. These new displacement & replacement zones would help greatly to smooth transition to mining for all concerned, - fauna, wildlife, environment, humans & mines.

What really disturbs me for our future, is that under the present mines planning & government regulations, - the environment, fauna, wildlife, water, human health & family dislocation, are a sad & distant second to the miners profit & politicians & bureaucrats reserving their own power, which bitterly disappoints me for Australia's & the next generations future.

I am looking forward to hearing from you with some positive & active solutions to my objections & help alleviate the fears of others & myself.

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Indicative Noise Contours
 (Worst Case Envelope All Years)

Figure **16**

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	Crown - Special Lease
	NSW State Forest
	Leard State Conservation Area
	Unknown
	Private Residential Receiver
	Boggabri Coal Receiver
	Whitehaven Coal Receiver
	Aslon Coal 2 Pty Ltd & Idemitsu
	Boggabri Coal Pty Ltd
	Crown

	Project Boundary
	Roads
	Worms Creek to Murgool Railway
	Aslon Coal 2 Pty Ltd
	Boggabri Coal Pty Limited
	Whitehaven Coal Mining Limited
	Aslon Coal 2 Pty Ltd & Idemitsu
	Boggabri Coal Pty Ltd
	Crown

FAUNA
DISPLACEMENT ZONES

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REPLACEMENT ZONES

New Displacement Zones
& Replacement zones need to
be acquired which are new
& not already having full
capacity occupation of fauna
before mining starts.

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LOWER DISPLACEMENT

MED DISPLACEMENT

HIGH DISPLACEMENT

MINING
AREA.

