

Objection: Bengalla Continuation Project RO26/14

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1. Accumulative impact of dust and toxic fumes from open cut mining projects.
2. Family Health concerns.
3. Hunter River polluted.
4. Visual impact
5. Inability to enjoy the clean country life style due to increasing levels pollution.

I strongly object to any proposed modification to the Bengalla Mine.
Bengalla mine would be the filthiest of the local open cut mines, caused by using a drag line.

The accumulative impact of pollutions from the three large open cut mines Bengalla, Mt Arthur and Mangoola are having a devastating effect on the health of family members living on farm. Adults and especially grandchildren suffering frequent / monthly any number of the children suffer upper respiratory, eye, sinuses, and chest infections, all bouts of illness result in visits to our local medical Doctor for antibiotics to treat the infections and often repeat prescriptions are required to manage the infections.

Four family generations reared on the property never before have we experienced respiratory illness as we have since the open cut mining began within such close proximity to our property.

The Hunter River is filthy, dying or dead, the discharge of mine site water into the river on high water should be ceased immediately, mine waste water should be use on the mine site for the purpose of dust suppression instead of killing our water course. I have not seen a Platypus in the river for some years since the mines commenced discharging in to the Hunter River, Platypus in the past were prevalent in the river I have not seen one in the years since the open cut mining began discharging into the Hunter River.

Dust and toxic gas pollution from local open cut mining has destroyed the quality of live we once enjoyed living on farm, effecting our health and insulting our senses