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To the PAC

Hi my name is Paul Harris Iam a Resident of Bulga Iam married with two children and two grand children my family have been in Bulga for six generations ,Iam a employee of mount thorley Warkworth mine for over thirty years and Iam against this continuation project.

Iam not sure where to start as as I have covered most of this in the last PAC meetings and written submissions,I think I should start at the Chris hartcher SEPP which was put forward to get around the land and Enviroments court discussion to stop this mine from its expansion .
We also had the N,S,W planning department say they should move Bulga due to the effects the mine would have on the community and people.

But now the planning department ,mineral council ,Rio Tinto still want to put the economic benefit of the mine to be put over every thing else,I am glad Rob Stokes has gone back to the original SEPP where a bit fairness may come back into play as it should go back to what the SEPP stands for State Environment planning policy.

With reference to object of the act clause (I) of the letter dated 7 July 2015 to the PAC the proper management,development and conservation of natural and artificial resources including agriculture and natural areas,forest,minerals,water,cities,towns and villages for the purpose of promoting the social and economic welfare of the community and a better environment.

Can I start with the Environment and talk about the dust issue I have some photos here of the dust on my roof ,solar panels, solar hot water heater, and I also have painted my roof not so long ago and you would not belive The dust that have settled on my roof is very visible and you have to remember that we catch all the water (rain) that runs of on our roof ends up in our drinking water tank, I have two 10" water filters and we also run that water thru a ceramic filter just to have clean drinking water. We also have a BBQ table under our covered awning which needs cleaning each day also my van and vehicles which is also under cover are covered with dust but this dust if left seems to have a oily residual if not cleaned off.

You must remember this dust which you can't see visably is what we are breathing and Iam concerned for my grand children's health and the health of the community . The mine (Rio Tinto) says it can control the dust but with so much country uncover and so much

dirt moved daily it is not possible to control dust, yes the mine does stop gear only if the dust is visible and as needed but that does not stop dust ,you have to remember with the prevailing winds and the shots that are fired up to 10 to 12 a week create a lot of dust which can't be controlled as in the photos. You also have to remember it goes against all the computer modelling which this mine has stated,and you have to remember this mine is getting closer to us not going further away .

We are a small community fighting a multi national mine ,mineral council ,and state government trying to keep our community and our lives as close to normal and safe as possible ,after all Bulga been here for nearly 200 years please save Bulga and stop this extension.

Yours cincerly
Paul Harris

Dust on my solar panels

Dust on my fingers from solar panel

Finger marks in the dust on solar panels

Damp rag ready to wipe solar panels

Wiped solar panel with damp rag

Damp rag once I wiped solar panel

Clean bucket of water

Washed rag in bucket after wiping solar panel

Washed solar panel

Solar hot water heater panel

Dust on solar hot water panel

Wiped and washed hot water solar panel

Water filters clean on top dirty on bottom

Dust from Shot fired at MountThorley mine 23/8/2015. Photo taken from singleton looking to Bulga

Dust from shot