

MUSWELLBROOK NSW

TO INDEPENDANT PLANNING COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEMBERS, MR ALAN COURTS, DR PETER WILLIAMS AND
 PROF ZADA LIPMAN

DEAR MADAM, SIR;

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO OBJECT TO THE MOUNT PLEASANT COAL MINE MODIFICATION 3. MY MAIN CONCERNS ARE WITH THE PROPOSED NEW EASTEN EMPLACEMENT AREA FOR OVERBURDEN. IF APPROVED, THIS WILL ALLOW MACH ENERGY, ACCORDING TO A MAP SUPPLIED TO ME BY MACH ENERGY, TO DUMP OVERBURDEN TO WITHIN "265M OF PROPERTY, 300M OF MY HOUSE APPROX". THE MOBILE PLANT THEY ARE USING ARE 112 TONNE CAT D11 BULLDOZERS AND 480 TONNE CAT 793 DUMP TRUCKS. INDIVIDUALLY THESE MACHINES EMMITT OVER 100 dba NOISE UNDER NORMAL OPERATION. USING MULTIPLE MACHINES WOULD COMPOUND THE EMISSION LEVELS OF NOISE. I AM CURRENTLY LISTED AS A "NOISE SENSITIVE RECIEVER IN N.A.G 7 (AS RECIEVER 112) BUT HAVE NO PROTECTION CRITERIOR WHATSOEVER. I AM ON THE VERY WESTERN EDGE OF NAG 7, CLOSEST TO THE MINE. CURRENTLY MINING OPERATIONS ^{ARE} APPROX 750-800M FROM MY HOUSE AND REGULARLY SUFFER THE EFFECTS OF MINE NOISE AND DUST. I HAVE MADE SEVERAL (APPROX 10) CALLS TO THE HOTLINE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT NOISE POLLUTION AT MY PROPERTY AND RESIDENCE BUT THEY CONTINUE TO AFFECT MY PHYSICAL MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING, NEGATIVLY, NOW. CURRENTLY THE MINING OPERATIONS ARE BEHIND THE HILL TO THE WEST OF MY PROPERTY WHICH HAS TREE'S ACROSS THE RIDGE THAT FORMS THE HORISON TO THE WEST, ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO OFFER SOME BUFFERING FROM THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF NOISE AND DUST POLLUTION, TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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CONSIDERING NORMAL LOGIC AND THE PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES OF HOW NOISE AND DUST SPREADS IN THE ATMOSPHERE, THE PROPOSED EASTERN EMPLACEMENT OF OVER BURDEN WOULD MAKE LIFE AT MY PROPERTY VIRTUALLY UNTAINABLE. DUE TO THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE PROPOSED DUMP, THEY WOULD BE APPROX 50 PLUS ABOVE ME AND RUN FROM 265M ON THE EASTERN EDGE OUT SOME 500 → 800M TOWARDS THE WEST, IN AN ARC OF APPROX 150°. IF YOU APPROVE THIS PROPOSAL AND MACH ENERGY PROCEED WITH THE EASTERN EMPLACEMENT DUMP TO WITHIN 260M OF MY PROPERTY IT IS FORSEEABLY AND OBVIOUSLY, DUE TO THE EASTERLY ASPECT AND NO NATURAL BUFFERING NOR ANY ARTIFICIAL ON SITE MITIGATION, IMPOSSIBLE FOR MACH ENERGY TO MAINTAIN LEVELS OF NOISE AND DUST FIT FOR HUMAN SAFETY.

I DISPUTE THE FINDINGS OF "WILKON MURRY 2017" THAT "THE MODIFICATION WOULD NOT MATERIAL CHANGE NOISE" FROM THE MINE. THE "MODELING" IS JUST THAT, MODELING, NOT REAL TESTING OF THE CARRIDGE OF NOISE AND DUST FROM THE PLANT TO BE USED, IN THE ~~THE~~ PROPOSED EASTERN EMPLACEMENT DUMP.

IT IS OBVIOUS AND REASONABLY PREDICTABLE THAT IF YOU BRING D11 BULLDOZERS AND 480T DUMP TRUCKS IN FULL OPERATION, AT LEVELS OF 100dbA PLUS, THE "SQUARKING" ~~NOISE~~ NOISE OF REVERSING SIGNALS, THE DUMPING OF OVER BURDEN, THE MOTOR/WHINEING ~~THE~~ NOISE FROM THE DUMP TRUCKS, THE "CLACK-CLACK-CLACK" AND MOTOR NOISE AND SCRATCHING NOISE OF THE ROCKS AND GRAVEL ON THE BLADE OF THE BULLDOZERS AND ADDITIONALLY OTHER PLANT, CONSISTING OF THE GENERATORS OF LIGHTING PLANT, WATER TRUCKS (IF THEY USE THEM) AND OTHER MINE PLANT OR VEHICLES, CLOSER TO A GIVEN POINT FROM 700M → 800M DOWN TO WITHIN 265M THAT NOISE AND DUST WILL INCREASE.

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THEREFORE I CONSIDER THIS AS A CONSIDERABLE AND SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL CHANGE TO NOISE LEVELS AT MY RESIDENCE, 100dba ~~100~~ PLUS NOISE LEVELS FROM MULTIPLE BULLDOZERS AND DUMP TRUCKS OPERATING WILL NOT MAGICALLY DISAPPEAR OR NATURALLY DESIPATE OVER THE GIVEN DISTANCES OF FROM 265m OUT TO 700/800m FROM MY PROPERTY, WHAT dba I DONT KNOW? I ALSO DISPUTE THE "WILKINSON MURRY 2017" SLEEP AROUSAL PREDICTIONS. I BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE LISTED MY PROPERTY IN A ZONE HAVING A "PREDICTION" OF 36dba LEVEL OF DISTURBANCE CURRENTLY, UNDER PRESENT CONSENT, ~~CONSENT~~ PREDICTION, NOISE ENVELOPE MAPS I AM "ON THE LINE" OF 40dba HIGHER THAN THAT, ALREADY, THAN THAT OF THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION PREDICTION. AS THE PROPOSED MODIFACATION WOULD BE CLOSER TO MY RESIDENCE I FAIL TO SEE HOW THESE PREDICTIONS AND MODELING RESULTS CAN BE A RELIABLE REFERENCE IN YOUR DETERMINATION OF THE MODIFACATION, WHICH INCLUDES THE EASTER EMPLACEMENT DUMP, DUE TO OBVIOUS INCONCISTACYS IN THE REPORTS.

I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSTANT ORANGE FLASHING ROOF LIGHTS ON EVERY MINE VEHICLE, ESPECIALLY AFTER SUNSET THE STROBINK EFFECT OF THE FLASHING LIGHTS CAN BE SEEN APPROX OVER 1 KM AWAY, THIS BLANKET OF FLASHING LIGHT WILL DISTURB BOTH MYSELF AND MY ANIMALS. IT COULD ~~BE~~ "SPOOK" MY HORSES AND CAUSE MY DOGS TO BARK.

THE HARMFUL AFFECTS NOISE AND SLEEP DISTURBIANCE HAVE ON PEOPLE AND ANIMALS ARE OBVIOUS AND DOCUMENTED IN OTHER STUDYS. PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL EFFECTS ARE VERY HARMFUL TO PEOPLE, FATIGUE DUE TO SLEEP DEPRIVATION WILL BE HARMFUL IN MY OWN WORK PLACE


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THE EASTERN EMPLACEMENT DUMP PROPOSAL, DOES NOT NEED TO PROCEED. THERE IS ALREADY A FULLY APPROVED "SOUTH WEST OUT OF PIT EMPLACEMENT AREA" IN THE CURRENT CONSENT. THE PROPOSED EMPACEMENT AREA SEEMS TO BE ONLY FOR CONVEINANCE. I ASK THE COMMISSIONERS CAREFULLY CONSIDER ALL THE ISSUES I HAVE RAISED AS A HIGHLY AFFECTED NEIGHBORING RESIDENT. DUE TO ADVERSE IMPACTS AND QUESTIONABLE MODELING AND PREDICTION RESULTS, WHICH I THINK REQUIRE FURTHER SCRUTINY, THE PROPOSAL ANY PROTECTION WHATSOEVER FROM THE HARMFULL NOISE AND DUST IMPACTS ON MY PROPERTY, RESIDENCE AND MYSELF OR PERSONAL BELLONGINGS

THEREFORE I OBJECT TO THE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL AT MACH ENERGY OWNED MOUNT PLEASANT COAL MINE.

I ASK THAT YOU DO NOT APPROVE THE PROPOSAL

YOURS SINCERLY


BRENDAN BARRY.



Thursday, 14 June 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Extension of Mine Life (DA 92/97 MOD 3) - D512/18

I am writing to you as you've previously provided comment or made a submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment on the above development application. The Department has now completed its assessment of the proposal and referred it to the Independent Planning Commission for determination. The State's planning laws designate the Commission as the consent authority for this proposal, as 25 or more submissions by way of an objection were received by the Department.

The Commission Members appointed to determine the proposal are Mr Alan Coutts (Chair), Dr Peter Williams, and Prof Zada Lipman.

Because of the considerable interest in this proposal, we'll be meeting to listen to the community's views on the Department's assessment report. This is your last chance to have your say before our independent experts make their decision.

The meeting will take place at **9:30am on Wednesday, 4 July 2018 at Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music, 80 Bridge Street Muswellbrook NSW 2333.**

If you wish to apply to speak at the public meeting, you must complete an expression of interest form and return it via email to ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au so that it is received by no later than **5:00pm on Friday, 29 June 2018**. Because we know some people find public speaking trying, and there will be others who cannot attend on the day, we will accept written comments up to one week after the public meeting. Written comments are weighed the same as spoken presentations.

The Department's assessment report is now available on the Commission's website: www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au, under Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Extension of Mine Life (DA 92/97 MOD 3)- D512-18. Other relevant documents are available on the Department's website: www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au, under DA 92/97 MOD 3.

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This recording will be made publicly available in accordance with Schedule 2 (25) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Any views expressed by persons who presented to the Panel at this meeting, are not the views of the Panel or any of its employees."

If you have any questions on our process, please contact Jorge Van Den Brande or email ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Jorge Van Den Brande

Independent Planning Commission NSW

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