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I moved to the very pleasant,pristine Upper Hunter valley more than 40 years ago.I have seen the mines expanding up through the valley creating lunar landscapes,destroying the country side and leaving numerous voids and problems with our precious waterways.

The Upper Hunter is one of the worlds greatest horse breeding areas,like Kentucky,due to its geological aspects.Scone is supposed to be the "Horse capital of Australia" and this "extension" of the Mt pleasant mine puts this in jeopardy.

I attended the presentation in Muswellbrook on Wednesday 5th July and am in agreement,like the majority of the speakers that this mine should NOT go ahead.

I understand the point of the last unregistered speaker that "jobs for the boys" in mining are important,but the jobs for everyone associated with the horse industry are also important,with flow on for the tourism industry,and our local agriculture.

If the"extension"goes ahead, this could mean the with drawl of the Thorough bred industry.This already happened with the wine industry's with drawl of Rosemont estate and others,due to mine encroachment.We need to keep these traditional,sustainable,valuable agricultural industries and maintain what is left of our fertile valley!

I am also concerned about the accumulative effects of dust, as this area has one of the highest rates of asthma and respiratory problems,adding to our overburdened health system.As well as dust we have acid rain from the power stations. CSIRO King report established an acid rain belt through the Upper Hunter in the late 1980s. For many of us this is our drinking water! We have observed rusting of our fences from the top down, and the need to replace our gal tanks and gutters.

I moved to this beautiful pristine area and have witnessed the demise,destruction and disrespect,and negative impacts of the country side.Why should the mines short sighted ,"short term gain"devastate our environment to leave us,our children,grandchildren and future generations "long term pain"

As with the majority of the speakers I ask you,I beg you, to PLEASE say NO to this so called "extension" and madness!

Yours sincerely , Joanne van Hees