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My name is Debbie Pevy my submission to the Planning Assessment Commission for review.

The escalated impacts that effect our life style and farm since our previous submission have increased. Our property is the largest and closest to the perimeters of the Wambo mine and has not been acquired.

- The noise and dust level from the Wambo mine has significantly increased causing added pressure to our life style. From purchase eight years ago we have complained a few times regarding impacts from the blasting, however since Wambo mined though the ridge we now have to complain on a regular basis due to the noise and dust affecting our health and we are unable to maintain restful sleeping nights.
- On several occasions late at night and in the early hours of the morning we have had to call the EPA to complain about the noise preventing us from sleeping. In the recent very hot summer months this noise has affected us even with our bedroom doors closed and our bedroom air conditioners on. We have tried to be mine friendly neighbours and are not against the expansion of the mine however due to the increased noise and poor air quality this is having negative effects on our health lifestyle and horses.
- Gary has increased health issues from the poor air quality. He now requires surgery to clear his nasal passages and airways. Gary finds it uncomfortable to sleep and is restless due to the discomfort of his blocked air passages he has difficulty breathing when lying down. The surgeon has advised it is pointless to undergo surgery if the air quality you reside in is poor. Unfortunately we have had to delay Gary's surgery. Please see attached Specialist's quotes. We spent time in the Hawkesbury area over Christmas the air quality being cleaner, Gary was able to breathe and sleep much easier.
- There is evidence in the EIS that the majority of our property is within the 40 decibels contour and our boundary is a part of the noise acquisition line. Attached is the Glencore map. With regard to the Noise

Impact Assessment, figure 6.9 is taken from the main document of the EIS shows the worst case noise contours. Our property including our house is inside the 40db contour line. If the acquisition criteria is 40db at our house we ask the PAC why our property is not in the Acquisition Zone. We accept if our property was outside this line we would not be included for acquisition.

- The effects from blasting has increased, the house shuddering causing tiles to fall from the bathroom walls, doors catching due to hinges and floors moving. In a recent blast the plume travelled over our property causing our daughter to have to cease feeding our horses and go inside to take refuge from the very bad smell causing her breathing difficulty, Tomeika has no record of respiratory issues. Photos attached of the toxic plumes coming over our property.
- Our family horse business has suffered a massive loss of income due to the environmental effects the mine is causing to our property. Income losses from sales, training and quarantine preventing Australian representation overseas at World Equestrian Games. We are at a severe loss maintaining the up keep of the property. For more detail regarding loss to our business please see our previous submission dated 15th September 2016.
- The expansion of the Wambo mine has devalued our property and taken away the opportunity for it to be sold on the private market as mortgage insurance would not be available for perspective buyers due to the close proximity of the mine.

Taking into account the above mentioned facts we are requesting that the Planning Assessment Commission investigate why our property is not included in the acquisition zone according to Glencore's EIS our property is clearly over 40db.

Inclosing we sincerely hope you act on the above mentioned factual information.

I thank you in advance for your time and the opportunity to excess my concerns.

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Property ID 320 – 355 Redmanvale Road Jerrys Plains

Thursday 15th September 2016

Attention: Director – Resource Assessment

Planning Services

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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see submission in relation to United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine Project.

Application number SSD 7142

Submission from Gary & Debbie Pevy – Property ID 320

Gary and Debbie purchased property ID 320 – 355 Redmanvale Road Jerrys Plains in August 2010. Our solicitor completed the necessary checks for purchasing a property and advised us to personally contact Wambo mine regarding their future expansion towards our property, if any. Following several conversations with the environmental team and other staff at Wambo mine the information given to us from Wambo mine was that the mine would not be expanding any closer to our property until at least 20 years. This gave us assurance to purchase feeling the distance that Wambo mine was from our property in 2010 was ample not to cause any health or lifestyle effects for our family or livestock. Unfortunately the information given to us was untrue and incorrect with our home life, business and lifestyle now severely impacted upon. We purchased the property with the intent it would be our retiring home. The property also has sentimental value to us we were married on the property on the 9th October 2011.

The two reasons we researched the lifestyle of the area and chose to relocate to Jerrys Plains. Relocating our family business Darby Equestrian to this area provided suitable training trails and facilities for our horses; at the time of purchase it was ideal. Gary's employment as an Operator at Wambo mine, the relocation gave Gary minimal travel to and from work considering the long hours and rotating shifts that are part of being employed with a mine.

The property dwelling, fencing and land were in need of major repair when we purchased. The home was only roughly finished, the interior not painted, some of the flooring was incomplete, tiling was required in the kitchen and bathroom, new floor coverings were needed, the oven and cooktop had to be replaced. Some of the outside shedding was almost falling down needing major repairs. Fencing repairs were required on the boundary and internal fences. The land was very overgrown with weeds a lot of money and time was spent on spraying. Approximately \$150,000 has been invested improving and making our dwelling and property the haven we had hoped to retire on, unfortunately the expansion of Wambo mine almost into our back paddock, with further expansion to come has made our future unhealthy and unrealistic.

Darby Equestrian, our business is Debbie's only source of income which has greatly reduced due to the effects from the Wambo mine expanding. The role of Darby Equestrian is to breed, raise and train horses to prime athletic status for potential export overseas.

Gary and Debbie are both accredited and highly skilled equestrians. Gary is a specialised Master Farrier who spent 7 ½ years in the UAE as the leading farrier for the royal family. He is an exceptional horseman that has successfully competed in many different equestrian disciplines. Gary's breaking- in skills are very sought after. Debbie obtained accreditation as a Fitness Instructor, Personal Trainer and Equestrian Coach and has previously conducted her own businesses in these fields. Coaching is a passion that Debbie enjoyed for many years but chose to focus on family life with Gary, Tomeika (Debbie's only child), their property at Jerrys Plains and her personal riding career. Debbie worked for nine years for Equestrian NSW gaining valuable knowledge with equestrian administration. The position entailed coordinating the NSW Equestrian coaching assessments, Event Director for the Show Horse Annual event, Team Manager & Coordinator for Show Team traveling interstate for the National competitions, representative for Equestrian NSW on for the Coaching and Show Horse committees. Debbie this year was on the long list, progressing to the short list to represent Australia in the 2016 FEI Endurance Championships. The selection panel had indicated to Debbie her chances on being on the team were very strong if she gained her final required qualification. Due to the drastic loss of income from Darby Equestrian Debbie and Gary decided it was not feasible to spend the several thousands of dollars required to gain the qualification.

Endurance is the main equestrian discipline that Gary and Debbie now focus on. It is a long distance event riding from 40kms to 160kms in a 24 hour period or riding a 400km marathon ride over several consecutive days. The majority of our day is spent outdoors feeding and caring for our horses along with the many hours daily and several evenings riding the horses to increase and maintain their fitness levels. Evening training is required as competition rides can commence at 12 midnight or 3 am.

We spent time prior to purchasing our property driving our 4WD around the local National Park and fire trails along with some bush walking on the steeper tracks to be assured the training trails would meet our requirements, which they did at the time. This is now not the case with Wambo mine expanding, many of the trails have been fenced off lessening the varied terrain and routes we could train our horses on. Training now is out and back on the same trail the horses become bored, causing injury on occasions to the rider and horse when some the horses trip and fall. The increased dust and thickness of the air has caused metabolic problems with some of our horses, others have suffered with coughs for extended periods, increased heart rates in some of the horses has also been a problem. The horse's heart rate is a very important factor in endurance riding. The heart rate is monitored whilst training, at the commencement during and after a competitive event.

Long sessions are spent training our horses asking them to expand their lungs to work aerobically and anaerobically. We are concerned of the potential harm being caused to our horses and our health whilst breathing in the very dusty polluted air now generated from Wambo mine as it becomes closer to our property and training area. Wambo mine provided filters for our drinking water for the house as the water coming from our tanks obviously polluted with mine dust was brown. We put the question to Wambo how are you going to purify the dams on our property polluted with mine dust that water our athletic horses. Still to this day no solution has been provided. The large dam on our property has underground pipes with a pump that pumps to the large tank specific to the watering of the horses in the smaller paddocks. The horses that live and graze in the larger paddocks drink directly from the dams. This particular dam is located only 232 meters from the acquisition zone, we now insist on a response and solution on how Glencore intend to purify the dam for our horses. We are seriously concerned about the polluted environment our horses are living and training in, not to mention our own health concerns spending so much time outdoors. Drayton mining previously conducted studies on horses concluding the environmental hazards dust and noise from mining had no health effects on the horses. These studies appear to have focused on Thoroughbred horses – these horses spend a lot less time training as they are required to compete anaerobically over short distances. However our horses are required to train over long periods anaerobically and aerobically. The expansion of the Wambo mine with the increased mine environmental factors has impacted on our horse's health with some horses having ongoing coughs, metabolic issues, increased heart rates, skin and eye irritations.

Competitive endurance riding requires the correct diet and supplements, this is costly, we are now are faced with additional costs. Following a lot of research into additional supplements to try and rectify our horse's health issues due to the mine expanding closer and the environmental effects increasing. Some of the additional supplements are Turmeric which assists with respiratory infections, allergies & skin conditions, liver detoxifier, gastrointestinal issues and is anti-inflammatory. KA Cleans & Flushes assisting with promoting good kidney and bladder health for horses. Electrolyte replacement is required for horses and humans undertaking strenuous exercise. Salkavite

electrolyte contains B Vitamins it is much more costly than the previous electrolyte we used Electromix 5kgs costs \$49.95 compared to \$107.80 we now pay for 5kgs – we would use approximately 40kgs of electrolyte annually. The inclusion of mega doses of vitamin B to our horses diets to aid with stress. Along with an increase in the cost of supplements, the increase in veterinary consultations and treatments has also increased raising costs.

Our business and income is definitely impacted on by the expansion of the mine. Part of our income was generated from taking other people's horses to train. We no longer do this, considering the health and metabolic issues shown by some of our horses; it's our duty of care not to bring other horses into an environment that could affect their health. The main part of our income is from exporting quality horses overseas in 2016 a major sale did not go ahead due to the horse having a cough. An offer was put to us from members of the royal family in the UAE to supply bunk house accommodation to accommodate 10 to 12 grooms at one time for three monthly blocks teaching the grooms to ride and learn about equine fitness training in hilly terrain. A prestigious offer with very good income that we were unable to accept due to Wambo mine being so close and expanding closer in 2017 the cost for setting up our property with the necessary bunk house is not feasible. The closeness of the mine has already devalued our property way below its value, along with taking away our lifestyle and reducing our property business income. Prior to purchasing our property income was generated from quarantining horses before being exported overseas. The property location and access is very good for interstate transporters along with the short traveling distance to Sydney International Airport. Horses have to be in maximum health for overseas travel, taking into consideration some of our horses health issues we are unable to offer safe environment for quarantine horses, therefore also losing income. Debbie now spends 5 months of the year in Dubai earning an income to supplement the loss of the business income. This is a major disruption to the family. The expansion of Wambo mine is accountable for our loss of income and life style, now with the proposed joint venture further expanding we demand a solution from Glencore as to how we can conduct our business in the same matter we did when we purchased our property.

Prior to purchasing the property we spend a night in the farm shed on the property in our swags to see for ourselves the effect of noise and dust from Wambo mine. At that time we had no concerns Wambo mine was not as close, we compared the noise from the mine to listening to the ocean rumbling whilst on a seaside holiday. The main disturbing noise at that time was the constant digger horn, this is now rectified. The air quality at that time was much cleaner. The noise and dust from Wambo currently has definitely increased and changed. Some days and nights the noise is so loud you would think the mine was operating outside our back door causing sleep disturbance for our family. Some nights when we ride the mine dust is so thick it's like riding in thick fog. Please see attached photo evidence. We have never been mining neighbours to complain unless absolutely necessary. Gary and Debbie are both healthy people neither depending on any medication but both have suffered due to being outdoors and unprotected. The acquisition boundary from our property

dwelling is only 606 meters, naturally we are going to be impacted by mining noise and dust. The information sheet provided regarding the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine Project states our property is within the affected areas that are being offered air conditioning and double window glazing. For our particular property this would be a waste of Glencore's finances due to the fact our equestrian business and lifestyle is outdoors. We put the question to Glencore how are you going to protect us from these elements outdoors?

Aislinn Farmon is the main person we have dealt with from Glencore, she is always very professional, helpful and has enlightened us with so much information we wished we had previously been given.

In conclusion we are not against mining nor mining expansion. Gary is currently still employed with Wambo mine. Had we have been given the correct information regarding the expansion of Wambo mine we would not have purchased our Jerrys Plains property and invested so much money into improvements to conduct our business Darby Equestrian. Gary and Debbie work hard to maintain a healthy lifestyle neither are dependence on any medication. Gary and Debbie are almost at retirement age with a lifetime of equestrian experience they would like to put into their business in a healthy environment allowing business progression and a good retirement income.

Taking into account the dust, noise and water pollution impacts from Wambo mine, the disruption to our outdoor lifestyle, the adverse effects and income loss to our business Darby Equestrian, the potential health hazards to our family and horses that Glencore should include our property into the Acquisition zone and assist us with relocation to a property with equal facilities to conduct our business. This is not an easy manoeuvre, we are currently located central to NSW competitive endurance rides. Our livestock consists of stallions (entire male breeding horses), mares, foals and competitive horses that require separate and suitable yarding.

We will thank you in advance for reading our submission. Hopefully we have stressed very clearly the disruption to our lifestyle, business and health will impact upon us.

We look forward to your response with a solution to resuming our lifestyle and business in the matter we did when we purchased our property.

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