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Independent Planning Commission

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My name is Angela Burrows

My address is [REDACTED]

I object to the Dartbrook coal mine modification as referred to above.

I have visited the Hunter Valley over many years and enjoyed its quiet, peaceful, rural and natural beauty prior to the opening up of the area to extensive 'open cut' coal mining. 'Open cut' coal mining has turned many local areas into 'moon landscapes' and ruined the air quality for local residents and visitors alike. When I was last there just before Christmas 2018, the visibility was shocking due to dust which filled the skies with a grey brown pollution and almost obscured the sun. Dust from coal mining operations has been documented as causing serious health effects amongst Hunter valley residents. There is a fear that this current mine application may be turned over to 'open cut' in the future.

As shown in the judgement in the recent Rocky Hill mining case, the Carbon dioxide produced by burning fossil fuels, especially coal, is putting the climate at serious risk. In the light of this threat to the climate and global warming it is clear that any further mining of coal is irresponsible and all new mining applications should be rejected.

I am also very concerned that this mine would add to the cumulative effects of coal haulage on residents in the lower Hunter and Newcastle. I'm also concerned that this mine may be expanded to open cut mining

Specific to this case, I have been told that there have been a substantial number of detailed presentations by experts to demonstrate the Proponent's application did not address many other important issues; and that in other cases the details in the application were wrong, including:

- impact on the Special Economic Zones for the Equine and Viticulture industries,
- Economic outcomes for Australia and NSW,
- Water,
- Noise,
- Landscape,
- Aboriginal and early Colonial heritage,

etc.

Therefore, as I understand the case, the Independent Planning Commission now has enough information before it to understand that the Application should fail, and so I ask that the IPC now refuse the application.

Thank you.