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To whom it may concern

This reopening of the Dartbrook mine must be refused. There are too many objections to list but below are some:

1. This will be a stranded asset in no time as Australia will be forced to phase out coal and transition to renewable energy due to climate constraints.
2. Too few jobs will be available due to transitioning to jobs in the renewable energy industries.
3. The local farming industries are more important to protect into the future
4. Mining causes negative impacts on the availability and quality of water sources
5. Miners, even if required can never bring the landscape back to full health. Just look at the dreadful scars left all over our land where mining has occurred.
6. Aboriginal and early colonial heritage will be lost forever.
7. The Lower Hunter and Newcastle residents are suffering the health effects of continuous coal haulage and this will increase the cumulative illnesses.
8. If this failed mine is allowed to reopen the noise from mining will be most disruptive .

I have grown up believing air would always be clean, water would always be available and pure, at a time when climate chaos had not been imagined. My 4 grandchildren are facing unbelievable threats from fierce bushfires , cyclones, droughts, water and food shortages, illnesses which had never occurred throughout most of Australia and a very insecure future .

These events are already upon us and it is vital that the damaging industries and life styles of the last century are left behind . We know the alternatives exist and transition must occur now whilst it is still affordable .

Allowing more mining to occur will only add to the disasters and difficulties facing the near future.

This application to reopen the Dartbrook Coalmine **MUST BE REFUSED.**

Yours faithfully
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