

Att: Professor Zada Lipman

RE: Dartbrook Coal Mine – Modification 7 (DA 231-7-2000 MOD 7)

I strongly object to reopening of the Dartbrook Coal Mine and the transport by trucks, crossing the busy New England Highway of the coal to the handling plant load area, 1.3 klm from the Aberdeen boundary, more dust, pollution, noise and a transport occupational and safety hazard.

I am concerned and object to the reopening of the Dartbrook Mine.

My son previously worked at Dartbrook Mine, thank goodness it closed when it did for his safety. Sadly three *deaths*, the mine had a history of persistent issues with *gas, spontaneous combustion and flooding*.

Our productive farmland needs to be retained and *free* from the *effects of dust and pollution* from another mine, I object the reopening.

Our farms and horse studs require *quality and sufficient quantity* of river and underground water to survive. Previously surrounding farmland areas lost water from creeks and wells when Dartbrook operated.

The *township* of Aberdeen established 1838, imagine the township trying to exist with the noise, lights and dust from a mine operating so close, NO WAY I strongly object to the reopening.