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Dartbrook Coal Mine - Modification 7 (DA 231-7-2000 MOD7)

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Submission form

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Submission

This part of the state has an ever increasing number of coal mines. There are still a wide variety of other industries in the area, but the ever increasing mining foot print is risking damaging other industries, and particularly the health of the communities of Aberdeen, Muswelbrook and Singleton: The medical profession in the area regularly outlines points of concern with regard to air quality and human health. This suggested mine activity, between Scone and Aberdeen, in an earlier period of exploitation, has had a number of major problems, as an underground activity. It is unlikely that any second attempt will be any different. Should this ultimately lead to open cut work, the resultant inevitable pollution and noise and general disruption, will be far too close to the presently existing three towns in the immediate area. While this activity might provide some employment and funds for the state, it inevitably comes at considerable risk to the water, in this case, the near by Hunter river, as well as other major industries, like the major horse studs - one of only four such areas in the world. The local major studs are able to provide top breeding facilities while the northern hemisphere areas are in their winter. With 70 state seats in the County of Cumberland, and only 20 in the rest of the state, I hope a reasonable balance can still be maintained between the perceived requirements of the city with the very real needs of the country areas, thank you.

Need extra space? You can also attached further pages of your own. Don't forget to fill out the top of this form.



WE'RE DETER-MINED TO PROTECT THE UPPER HUNTER!

Friends of the Upper Hunter is a group of parents, grandparents, farmers and business people from Aberdeen, Scone, Muswellbrook and surrounds who are concerned about a new mining proposal currently before the Independent Planning Commission.

We wanted to make sure that you, your family, friends and neighbours are aware of what's being proposed and how you can voice your concerns.

Australian Pacific Coal, an untried mining company, has applied to reopen the Dartbrook Underground Mine. You're probably aware that this mine was mothballed in 2006 by experienced miners, Anglo American, after three deaths and persistent issues with gas, spontaneous combustion and flooding. You also probably know that the coal handling plant for this mine is just 1.3km from Aberdeen.

We'd like to know how this untried company can manage the risks that a far more experienced company couldn't? Can they keep our community, our local workers and our environment safe?

We're also very concerned that Australian Pacific Coal has made it clear this will support its plans for a 370 million tonne open cut coal mine right on the doorstep of Aberdeen and the Hunter River.

We believe their underground proposal is the thin end of the wedge.

We think our region is already at a tipping point in terms of the number of mines it can safely sustain.

We're seeing worrying air quality problems that threaten the health of residents, heavy burdens on our scarce water resources and threats to other local industries including farming and tourism.

We need to have balance.

If, like us, you want to protect the communities of Aberdeen, Muswellbrook, Scone and surrounds, our productive farmland, our air and our water so we have something left for the future – tell the Independent Planning Commission NO!

Your submission can be as simple as a single paragraph. You can keep your name and address confidential. But please help us to make sure our community has a voice.

Will you join us?

Visit www.nodartbrook.com
to lodge your objection by 9 April 2019.

Need to make a postal objection? Complete the form on the reverse side of this letter and return it to:

The Independent Planning Commission
Dartbrook Coal Mine Modification 7 (DA 231-7-2000 MOD7)
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