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

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See attached.

The current proposal by Australian Pacific Coal to re-open the Dartbrook mine is the start of what they hope will be an open-cut mine.

In a recent decision in the Land and Environment court (regarding Gloucester Resources Limited and the Rocky Hill mine), Chief Justice Brian Preston ruled the negative impacts of the mine outweighed its economic and public benefits.

"An open-cut coal mine in this part of the Gloucester Valley would in the wrong place" the judgement said.

"Wrong place because an open-cut coal mine in this scenic and cultural landscape, proximate to many people's homes and farms, will cause significant planning, amenity and social impacts.

Wrong time because the (greenhouse gas) emissions of the coal mine and its coal product will increase global total concentrations of (greenhouse gases) at a time when what is now urgently needed, in order to meet generally agreed climate targets, is a rapid and deep decrease in emissions. These dire consequences should be avoided."

In March 2018, AQC made an announcement to the Australian Stock exchange accompanied by a media release which stated "AQC's vision is to develop Dartbrook as an open-cut operation, using modern, low impact technologies." Please explain! An open-cut mine is a gigantic hole in the ground. The entire existing ecosystem is destroyed. There is nothing low impact about open-cut mines. More like total impact.

When you drive into Masefieldbrook from the south you get a good view of the impact of the new Mt Pleasant open-cut coal mine and the amount of dust being generated by that project. It is my understanding that the planned open-cut for Dartbrook

would be of a similar magnitude to that of Mt. Pleasant.

I would like to end my negative views to the proposed re opening of the Dartbrook underground mine on a positive note. One of the reasons the prior owners shut the mine down was because of flooding issues. ~~of a considerable~~ I note that whilst AOC have never mined anything before, one of the owners (Nick Paspaley) has considerable underwater experience being actively involved in the pearling industry.

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