

Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group

“Rixs Creek South Continuation July 2019”



A community-based group looking to address Environmental issues affecting Singleton Shire residents

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We seek identification as to what is making our Children and Community Sick so they can be mitigated by OH&S Compliance Orders.

SSHEG Focus on Health

SSHEG is Not Anti Mining or Anti Power Stations

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“Rixs Creek South Continuation SSD6300”

SSHEG Community Healthy Living focuses upon Mine Air Pollution Disease Impacts on Residents since 2008 - breath by breath; insisting here that Rixs Creek mines Mitigate Pollution, at least; by “*Minimising to World Health Organisation ongoing identified Guidelines*” regarding the Cumulative Air Quality Disease impact at individual Resident’s Localities.

At this time, and with the Independent Planning Commission apparently uncertain as to how to proceed to address the ongoing NSW Health concerns, we provide “**Conditional Support of SSD6300 subject to three Community Conditions**”.

- 1) “Eliminate Visible Mine Blasting Plumes into the Atmosphere”, by
 - a) Smaller Blasts, and
 - b) Improved Blast Hole Stemming Material & Depth Use.
- 2) Control Mine Operations to WHO Guidelines using a “New Mine Surrounding PM2.5 Network” for each 45degree quadrant.
- 3) Mine to progressive Shutdown Operations as Valley Drifting Air Patterns Cumulative 15 Minute PM10 and PM2.5 Readings exceed NSW Health Guidelines.

This SSHEG response is for conditional support for continuation of Mining at Rixs Creek Mine (RCS), as a means to maintain the employment balance while Mines Drifting Air Pollution and their Community Health impacts (as reported by medical Doctors since 2008) can be by “Mine Approval Conditions minimised” to acceptable WHO and National Standards; as a first step in NSW.

In view of the NSW Planning further investigations into SSD6300 Air Quality, we foreshadow our response will be added to our 21 March 2019 SSHEG Submission for Rixs Creek Mod 10 which is to equally apply here.

Thanking you in anticipation of your acknowledgement.

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