

Project: Mangoola Coal Continued Operations SSD8642

Supplementary Response concerning Additional Material from the meeting with Government Agencies dated 25th March 2021.

I find the response provided by the Government agencies continues to be not only dismissive of the actual impacts of air quality on the residents of the upper hunter, but also dismissive of any need for scientific methodology or rigor when using data to demonstrate significant difference (or not in this case).

The use of 2 other data points being Liverpool and Wagga Wagga as a comparison for the deteriorating air quality in the Upper Hunter and more specifically the Muswellbrook area is a continuation of the contempt shown by the Department regarding the need for rigor in the Assessment Process. This would not pass muster as a basis for any technical report finding.

While it may be argued how high is too high in regard to a social impact, it can't be argued that absence of information is evidence alone. As it can't be argued that an exceedance is not an exceedance due to multiple contributing unknowns.

A strong absence of relevant evidence continues to be a theme within this proposal and its role in the areas deteriorating air quality.

Air quality remains a key concern for me and my family as Wybong residents for the past 17 years.

Regards

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