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"Ventura",
Middle Fallbrook.
Via Singleton.
9th Oct 1990.

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The General Manager
Singleton Shire Council.
Singleton.

Dear Sir,

We lodge this submission in reply to a development application from Maitland Main Pty Ltd to establish a new underground coal mine at Glenneir Creek.

We are located on Portions 65, 72 and Lots 531 and 532 on Middle Fallbrook Road.

We are not objecting to the proposal, as primary producers we accept the Singleton Shire has become an industrialised Shire and that we must make adjustments to our present lifestyles. There are several areas of concern in the project which as residents of Middle Fallbrook Rd, we believe should be addressed by council.

Firstly we have witnessed the destruction of the Middle Fallbrook Rd from heavy construction traffic and contractors supplying road gravel to the Camberwell Coal Project. Only recently we were threatened with prosecution by a council officer for irrigation water occasionally spraying onto the roadway, but no action or repair work has been carried out to the road after destruction from the construction of Camberwell Coal. We feel the residents of Middle Fallbrook + Glenneir Creek deserve a better deal from the Singleton Shire Council. We feel that these new projects should upgrade the roads before construction of their projects are allowed to commence.

The proposed craning of Middle Fallbrook Rd by the haul road from the Barrett Seam and also the reject disposal traffic must be closely looked at by council. Firstly the danger involved in large trucks and machinery frequently craning and also the acidic dirt and spillage that will be on the Middle Fallbrook Rd which we will have to cross. I believe that if a craning is allowed that stop signs must be erected and adhered to on the haul road where it intersects with the Middle Fallbrook Rd.

A major concern to us is the proposed Barrett Seam entrance and pit top facilities. We have spoken to Mr Ray Robinson the Mine Manager and at this stage this proposal may not go ahead. If this proposal does proceed our dairy and one horse are located less than two kilometers to the north of the project. With fairly open country and being at quite a lower altitude than the proposal we believe dust could be a problem with southerly winds blowing. Also with the Barrett Seam facilities one does not know at this stage how much noise may be generated. During the construction of Cambewell Coal noise of construction could be heard on a still night remembering Cambewell Coal was much further away.

We currently pump from a well on our dairy property supplying stock water, dairy water and domestic supply. No authority knows in which direction this well is fed from and with an underground mine within three hundred meters from the well there is a chance of loss of water. We would like some assurance that an alternate supply of similar ~~of~~ quality will be supplied in case of water from this well occurs.

The E.I.S. states that Story Creek Road will only need some realignment and widening in some parts.

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As this road is to be used as the company's main access, Story Creek Rd should be improved to a asphalt surface for the purpose for which it will be used.

My personal home is located on lot 531, Middle Fallbrook Road. Our altitude is much higher than most of the proposed projects and feel that the scenic value of the property will be greatly reduced from the construction of a coal mine creating an increase in lighting and industrial type buildings.

Of major concern is the possibility of future underground mining under our dairy property. As stated by Mr Robinson, at this stage the Mine will not mine under our property, but could not guarantee that they would not mine in the future. If mining does take place we could experience up to two meters of subsidence which would be totally unacceptable to our family and the running of a dairy farm. We would like some form of protection from this ever happening in the future.

We have been visited by Mr Ray Robinson of Midland Main and discussed some of these problems. Mr Robinson is happy to talk with us and prepared to listen to any guarantees that we have, but I believe that a submission to council was still necessary for council's appraisal of the situation affecting us and maybe some protective guidelines could be incorporated into the conditions of granting approval of this project.

Yours faithfully

G.W. Cheetham

for and on behalf of

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AND G.W. + K.H. CHEETHAM.

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