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Mangoola Coal Modification 6 of Project Approval 06_0014

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission about this mining proposal.

I object to this expansion proposal.

The cumulative impacts of mining on the Hunter River and Hunter Valley have reached a point where new coal mines or expansion of coal mining in the Muswellbrook Shire should not be approved.

Our Air and our Health.

Mining is a significant contributor to air pollution. Not just dust from mechanical excavation but gaseous emissions from open cut mines, machinery diesel exhaust and explosives. The various components of this pollution act differently, but the dust stays suspended in the air and travels great distances. The cumulative impact of many mines releasing air pollutants amounts to a constant elevated level of air pollutants in the atmosphere that is not acceptable. The consequent negative health impact on our community and the cost to our government for health services is also not acceptable.

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