

Mr Premier,

Please take the time to read this and consider how I and my family will be affected by this.

To whom it may concern as this deeply concerns me.

Please take the time to read this, it is from a real person written from the heart.

There are so many reasons this submission should be rejected, some of which are outlined below.

I moved to Bluehaven with my wife just short of 20 years ago with hopes and dreams for the future. At the time it was an untapped area with great potential to grow and we were excited to be a part of that and to grow with it.

We now have two daughters that attend the local high school and are doing well. I really don't think I would continue to live here as it just wouldn't be safe to remain.

This proposal for an open cut coal mine goes against everything a government should hold themselves accountable for and to, we the people of the state.

I understand there is a monetary argument however the human side and environmental side of this should take precedence. Money comes and goes, the rest will always be here.

I don't consider myself a raging greenie or activist in any real way. I do consider myself a very concerned father, husband and one day grandfather to the next generations. Should this go ahead I genuinely fear for the coming years in the local community. The very real outcome for this area will be sickness and poverty, not jobs for locals and general affluence for the area.

Above all the human and environmental cost of this mine will far outweigh any monetary gain whether short or long term considered.

I wish to object to the current Amended DA (ADA) on exhibition and also to the further progression of the mine proposal itself

Page 85 of the ADA states that the royalties to the State over the proposed and improbable 28 years life of the mine is \$200 Million which equates to just over \$7 million per annum. With falling coal prices and Government concessional rebates this figure is inflated.

Media reports suggest that the proponent KORES is withdrawing from overseas development due to massive debt ratios - future job prospects, development and environmental repair, compensation and rehabilitation have little hope of being realised.

The NSW government has removed our right to go directly to the Land and Environment Court and argue our case on Merit Appeal. Premier Baird has removed that legal right from every community fighting coal or gas in NSW.

Confidential draft documents circulating through Planning Dept suggest "second workings" of coal seams meaning further and greater subsidence over time.

Dust remains a real issue for health in the Blue Haven and Wyce precincts despite partial coverage of infrastructure. Pm10 emissions from the site are conservative and do not take into account the changing nature of intense wind and storm events in the recent years. BlueHaven and Wyce townships are now



as close as 200 and 400 metres respectively from the new proposal bringing even greater problems for families in the area for both constant dust and noise 24 h/per day with a huge overhead structure on the main rail line and and loading hopper. There are many schools, pre-schools and establishments within 5 kms of the facility and they will suffer from emissions from the site.

Noise exceedences are admitted to for "residences to the north of Bushells Ridge Road at Wyeec" and general noise 24 h/per day for those living in BlueHaven and Wyeec areas are issue of concern.

Proposals to have an air monitor installed at Wyeec have been diverted to an out-of-influence area at Wyong Racecourse thereby distorting air quality readings for the region. Appendix C from the consultants (pages 2 and 3) says "Fugitive emissions can be expected during operation from loading stockpile to conveyor, wind erosion and maintenance of stockpiles and from upcast ventilation shafts"

5270 cubic metres per year of semi-solid salt waste for at least 14 years into underground storage and capacity and salty brine discharges into the Wallarah Creek system. OEH have expressed concerns - the "ultimate fate of the supersaturated salt solution remains unclear"

The consultant's suggestion that "after more than 500 years, water levels in the workings (in the Jilliby Creek/Wyong creek catchment) are predicted to have recovered (and not be of concern)" is unacceptable.

The Mine Subsidence Board accepts only about a quarter of claims over the last ten years and will fight any great expense claimed by those who suffer subsidence. Also only the house itself is covered, while sheds, fences pools etc are exempt from claims.

Walarah 2 have failed continually to consult with any of the people directly affected by the proposal. They have failed to hold any open public meeting explaining the project

Walarah 2 have failed to bring to the public any concept drawing of the new conveyor system and loading facility near Blue Haven.

Thank you.