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Ian & Robyn Moore, of Jerry's Plains NSW, made the following submission on the project:

[Mangoola Mine - Modification 6 - Extraction Rate Increase](#)



Objects to this project

Please find our submission for Mangoola Mine.

Could you please confirm delivery of this submission.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Objection to Mangoola Coal Modification 6 of Project Approval 06 0014.

Mangoola open cut coal mine is located near Denman in the Upper Hunter Valley.
We are primary producers downstream of the proposed expansion of the Mangoola open cut mine.

Our property on the Hunter River is at Jerry's Plains & we have grave concerns for the health of the river system as we feel that it is already at saturation point as far as the salinity levels are concerned.

Reasons for our objections are:

- Discharge to the Hunter River was not permitted in the original application & should not be allowed. There is already too much saline water in the river system.
- Discharges of saline (**contaminated**) water into the Hunter River are resulting in an increase in the back ground levels of salinity in the river. This is detrimental to the river environment and properties downstream. This contaminated water is then used to grow Lucerne to produce Lucerne hay with some sold to thoroughbred horse breeding studs, we also feed this hay & other pastures grown to our vealers that could even end up in your local butcher shop.
- Water is being taken from agricultural systems and diverted to mining operations.
- Present mining operations are concentrated in this area of the Upper Hunter and the Muswellbrook & Singleton Shires this increasing operation will put additional stress on public infrastructure that is presently not coping with current levels of mining.
- A concentration of mines in this area of the Upper Hunter is resulting in an unacceptable reduction in air quality for residents of the Upper Hunter. Increasing mine output increase mine sourced air pollution and decrease air quality for Upper Hunter residents.
- The mine will add to the cumulative impacts of mine sourced air pollution for the whole Hunter Valley. Enough is Enough.

- Precautionary principle regarding health effects short and long term should be applied; there is insufficient data to make a sensible determination regarding the health effects upon the residents of the regions that are already exposed to high density coal mining.
- Mining companies already own more than 50% of rateable land in the Muswellbrook Shire. The Upper Hunter is saturated with coal mines and further expansion should be halted.
- Increased production will put additional pressure on the road network.
- The initial application and this modification does not address the issue of leaving post mining final voids
- Proximity to the town of Denman. Denman does not have an air quality monitor that is part of the Upper Hunter Air Quality Network. Until Denman is part of the air quality network expansion of this mine and establishment of new mines near Denman should be halted.
- Threat to the diversity of the regional economy as mining drives out other sustainable industries and the long term employment they provide.
- Industrialization of the region. The Hunter Valley was once known for its agricultural qualities, now it's known for its air, dust & water pollution, & where every miner wants to work, but **NOT** where they want to bring their families to live because of the pollution. Why should we farmers have to put up with this pollution, we were here first & we should be allowed to stay & produce food for this country & the ever growing population of the world without the fear of the pollution of our health & food we produce.
- Mining in the Upper Hunter has a bad history of leaving land in a poor state. Instead of expansions in the Hunter why not take these mining companies out into the unpopulated areas of the state & away from high quality land.

Why are Governments hell bent on destroying one of the fineness agricultural valleys of the world. That is exactly what is happening.

Thank you for allowing us to air our concerns of this expansion of Mangoola at Denman.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Hunter Moore

Robyn Ann Moore