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Stratford Extension Project No; SDD4966

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I am writing this submission to object to the extension project at Stratford Coal; (Yancoal).

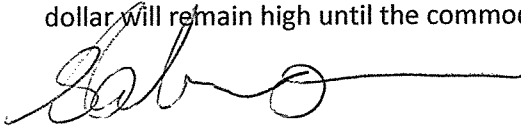
The following points are just some of a number of objections I have to this extension project:

1. **Groundwater** assessment. No cumulative impact study has been done on the Stratford Coal, GRL and AGL coal and gas fields and its cumulative impact on groundwater. This needs to be done before any one of these projects proceeds. If Stratford Coal can state in reference to AGL that " i.e. effects are expected to be substantially greater than would be produced by the Project alone " pp32 than surely a study needs to be done on the cumulative impact of ground water?
2. **Noise.** AGL central processing plant will run 24/7 and will be producing a large amount of continuous noise from the compression units. No cumulative noise impact study of Stratford Extension Project and AGL has been done, as the processing plant will be sitting within the 45DBA contour I feel this needs to be addressed before the project is approved.
3. **Dust.** Once again NSW government is not monitoring PM2.5 particles on an ongoing basis and placing the health of residents at risk. It is an established world wide fact that particles of PM2.5 or less are the ones that do the most health damage.
4. **24 hr a day mining** should not be allowed. Complaints about noise are simply not listened to! The people living near the mine are sick of continuously complaining about noise and they should not be in the position of having to complain.
5. **Monitoring.** The NSW government should provide independent monitoring of all extractive industries. Self monitoring is clearly not working,
6. **Proximity.** The new west pit will be too close to Stratford Village and school. The mine being 1k away will affect the residence of Stratford with both noise and dust resulting in both physical and mental health problems. Open cut coal mining should not be allowed within 5Kms of towns and villages. The known health risks, particularly noise and dust which will affect the young and the old will cost the NSW Government in ongoing health cost much more than any short term royalties that they receive.
7. **Cumulative Impact.** The Gloucester Valley is a small enclosed valley 2k - 4k wide and some 80k long. This valley needs an independent cumulative impact assessment on the potential of the two coal companies and AGL before they destroy this valley. To look at each of these companies in isolation could mean the environmental death of this valley plus the long term degradation of the Manning and the Port Stephens area. These companies AGL, GRL and Yancoal are way short of a reasonable cumulative impact study. This needs to be address before any of these three projects goes ahead.

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Two Speed Economy

With the slowing of the world economy it is essential for NSW government to address the Two Speed Economy in NSW. If the government does not reduce its reliance on extractive industries when the crash in commodity prices comes our economy will be devastated. It will take many years for other industries to ramp up production after the post mining boom. The value of the Australian dollar will remain high until the commodity boom is reined in.

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