

Department of Planning and Infrastructure
SYDNEY

4/3/2015

To whom it may concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to submit an application of OBJECTION to the Proposed Mt Owen Extension Project (North Pit Continuation)

We reside on 17A (1064 Middle Falbrook Road, Gennies Creek).
This property consists of 2 dwellings, sheds, silos, vehicles and various farming machinery and equipment. Our dwelling comprises of 2 adults (husband and wife) and 2 children.
We currently operate as a farming/cattle business (grain fed cattle, hay, and breeding stock) on approximately 578 acres. (3 separate titles, all adjoin fence lines)

Our Objections are as follows:

Livestock:

- As we currently operate a **grain fed** feedlot, we are concerned what the blast and noise impact will be on the herd. Grain fed cattle can be quite “flighty” so reduce the amount that they can run around the paddock-which will cause them to lose the weight gained from the grain; our feeders are placed in certain positions to eliminate this. This paddock is also away from passing traffic to also eliminate this also. These cattle will most likely not get accustomed to blast noise as they are away from the driveway and away from sudden noises.
In the Environment and Social Assessment section on livestock – 5.4.6.5, it states the observations have been made at the Colinta Holdings feedlot cattle however I don’t not believe that there has been a study on **GRAIN FED** cattle as this question we asked two Glencore representatives on the 2/3/2015. So if there is no study on grain fed cattle, then there cannot be an accurate assumption that these cattle will not be affected by sudden blast and loud noise or even vibrations.
- As we have water troughs for these grain fed cattle, our concern is that as the water is classed as stagnant water, these troughs will need to be cleaned out quite regularly due to more dust created by the extension that will form into sludge at the bottom of the troughs.

Home:

- As our home is very old, we already get quite a lot on dust build up from the surrounding mines throughout the home, this extension will cause more dust to enter this house and affect each and every room and one of our children are already an asthmatic. Especially when the westly winds will bring more dust with it.
- As we both work fulltime jobs away from the home, our clothes washing goes on the line at around 4 pm in the afternoon and does not usually get taken off til 4 the next afternoon, meaning our clothing is staying on the outside clothes line for up to 24 hours before being removed, the extension will see our clothing have more dust on them then they ready do.
- We are an “outside” family, who spend a lot of our time outdoors on the farm, having a child who is asthmatic, and knowing dust is a contributing factor, the extension will cause more airborne dust which in turn will make our childs health suffer more and become more reliant on ventolin.

- On a still night/day, we are able to hear the noise from the surrounding mines, at times we have even felt movement within the house, this extension will become closer to our home causing us to hear more noise and possibly more movement in the house.
- We also have 2 tanks for this house. 1 tank is under ground and the other above, and both are connected to the roof, we are concerned the water will become contaminated that we will have more build up of sludge at the bottom of these tanks as well as the underground concrete tank cracking from blast and vibrations.

Railway loop:

- With the new proposed rail loop, noise will also be a factor as we hear the trains at times from our property already, with the new rail loop, more trains is more noise and more horn blasting.

We request of Glencore that the points below are addressed?

- Grain Fed cattle Study.
- A meteorological air indicator is displayed on their web site 24hrs a day, this will give a true indication of air flow (wind direction) rather than a 24hr average.
- As time goes on and Glencore reaches the 5yr-10yr period on the proposed southern mine lease, we have grave concerns a proposal will be lodged to mine the land currently under acquisition or already purchased surrounding or boundary. Our natural spring water would/could be affected leaving us with no water to support or stock/business operations as we all know "water" is "the life line of the land".
- As stated at the communication afternoon held on our property dated 2/3/2015 the fleet size currently operating at Mt Owen today (4/3/2015) will remain for the proposed life of 10yrs as of 2018-2028 with only an exchange program as machinery ages.

Yours faithfully

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