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Content:

WE first moved to the Hunter in 1996 in order to develop and run a vineyard. It was a beautiful place and we were very happy to bring up our four young children in this vibrant rural community. However, unfortunately, over the years coal mining has taken over and it is no longer an area that we wish to live in.

The hunter is a very precious agricultural area and I do not understand why our government would allow it to be destroyed by more and more coal mines.

The cumulative impact of Mt Owen Mine since original approval in 1991 and in relation to surrounding mines has not been adequately addressed. Where ever you are now there is more than one mine that is impacted on the quality of the air you breath. Current operations exceed the national standards for PM10 emissions, the proposal will just increase the very serious problem.

We are very concerned about the destruction of endangered ecological communities, like the Spotted-tailed Quoll and the Swift Parrot. Mt Owen mine has had significant environmental impact over a 20 year period. The cumulative loss of native vegetation since the commencement of the mine will be 1,838 ha, if this latest expansion is approved.

The quality of river water in the area is compromised . Cumulative impacts on tributaries and groundwater systems associated with Glennies Creek and the Hunter River have not been assessed sufficiently.

Over 20 properties will experience higher noise levels

Most importantly climate change impacts have not been considered in any of the predictions. Mt Owen is estimated to generate 137,653,000 tonnes of CO2 equivalent over 15 years of operation.

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