From: system@affinitylive.com on behalf of Oliver Coleman <oliver.coleman@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, 2 December 2015 7:58 PM

To: Hamish Aiken
Cc: Howard Reed

Subject: Submission Details for Oliver Coleman (object)

Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:

I object to an additional 32 million tonnes of coal being extracted until 2038 for the following reasons:

There is no recognition of the cumulative impact on air quality and health in the Hunter region. There is no commitment to cover coal wagons.

Community consultation has been very poor. For example, regional people were not informed of the project assessment.

The approval of projects that increase thermal coal extraction at a time when the global scientific consensus is that a drastic reduction in green house gas emissions is required to avoid catastrophic environmental impacts is grossly irresponsible and reckless.

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Submission: Online Submission from Oliver Coleman (object)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=133158

Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2884

Oliver Coleman

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Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:

I object to an additional 32 million tonnes of coal being extracted until 2038.

The world is trying to limit CO2 emissions to manage environmental and economic impacts from climate change.

The extension of Rix's Creek Mine cannot be justified

Additional 3 million tonnes of coal per year through Newcastle until 2038.

No recognition of cumulative impact on air quality and health in Hunter region.

Poor community consultation - no regional people informed of project assessment.

No commitment to cover coal wagons.

Increase in coal production at time when the world is trying to cut greenhouse gas emissions, good opportunity to wind back coal production in Hunter and transition to renewables.

Poor assessment of cumulative impacts on Upper Hunter environment.

Impact on threatened Squirrel Glider and critically endangered ecological community.

No biodiversity offset areas have been identified or assessed.

Increased impact on Rix's Creek, poor assessment of surface and ground water impacts.

Will leave a 243 ha final void in the landscape.

This is unacceptable cost shifting.

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Submission: Online Submission from Paul Winn (object)

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Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2884

Paul Winn

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Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 12:31 PM

To: Hamish Aiken
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Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:

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The extension of Rix's Creek Mine cannot be justified

IP Address: - 120.17.69.36

Submission: Online Submission from Julie Sheppard (object)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=133227

Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2884

Julie Sheppard

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Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 4:24 PM

To: Hamish Aiken
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Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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singleton, NSW

2330

Content:

This application for extension of Rix's Creek Mine should be rejected. There is no legitimate case nor call for approval of a further 32 million tonnes of coal to be extracted from the ground.

On the contrary, if there is to be any chance of limiting global warming to two degrees then there can be no approvals of new coal mines nor extensions to existing mines.

The Paris Climate Conference will also document that this is the most cost effective trajectory for global economics as well. This proposed mine extension is not justifiable.

IP Address: domain.not.configured - 175.45.146.98
Submission: Online Submission from Marg Mclean (object)

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Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2884

Marg McLean

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Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 3:08 PM

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Subject: Submission Details for Rick Banyard (object)

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Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:

To NSW Planning.

http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/development-categories/mining--petroleum---extractive-industries/mining/?action=view_job&job_id=6300

Re: Objection to Rix's Creek Mine Expansion

I have been living in Newcastle and The Hunter for more than 30 years.

I am a member of many Community organizations and serve on many Community Panels.

I am concerned about the Cumulative impacts of ever increasing of mining and other industrial development.

I am very worried about Climate Change and the Environment, and Global Warming, and believe we should be moving away from Coal and towards Renewables urgently.

In relation to the proponent's submission for the proposed expansion of the Rix's Creek Mine I note:

1. The expansion will lead to Additional 3 million tonnes of coal per year down though the Rail lines and exported through the Port of Newcastle, until 2038:

I already know that the Rail lines from all the coal mines in The Hunter, Liverpool Plains and Ulan etc to the Newcastle Port are extremely congested - so much so that the coal mines and ARTC are trying to force passenger trains off the lines. They object to new passenger services; and in some cases call for Railway Stations to be closed.

The Station at Lochinvar is a case in point. Coal trains (loaded and unloaded) go though Lochinvar every 8 minutes. There is a brand new subdivision "Huntlee" just being opened up very close to Lochinvar - with no public transport services. It is expected that within a few years Huntlee will have a brand new population of 20,000 to 30,000 people; so they will need a good Passenger Rail service, and a Railway Station nearby

3 million pa extra tonnes of coal from Rix's creek means an extra 25,000 coal wagons, made up into an extra 277 extra loaded trains, or an extra 555 loaded and unloaded train journeys pa.

This proposed expansion cannot be looked at in isolation.

- 2. There has been no recognition of the cumulative impact on air quality and health in the Hunter region;
- 3. There has been poor community consultation no regional people have been informed of the project assessment;
- 4. There has been no commitment to cover coal wagons;

Or

to ensure better rail transport practices to achieve better Industrial Hygiene on the coal trains to prevent overloading, coal being carried on the outside of the wagons, including on the Wings, The Platforms and the Bogies;

And

to ensure no carry back coal is carried on the unloaded wagons - going back to the mine;

5. The proposed Increase in coal production will come at the time when the world is trying to cut greenhouse gas emissions, in International meetings at Paris occurring now.

Refusing this application would be a good opportunity to wind back coal production in the Hunter, and move towards transitioning to renewables;

6. There is a very poor assessment of cumulative impacts on the Upper Hunter environment;

- 7. The proposed expansion will threaten the Squirrel Glider and other critically endangered ecological community in this area, and this impact has been poorly assessed;
- 8. No biodiversity offset areas have been identified, offered or assessed by the proponent;
- 9. The proposed expansion will have an increased impact on Rix's Creek, and there has been little or no assessment of this;

And a very poor assessment of surface and ground water impacts has been done.

10. The proposed expansion will leave a 243 ha final void in the landscape.

This is unacceptable cost shifting onto the environment and the community.

11. There must be provision in the final landscape design for:

Any void to be filled:

And

The full costs of such remediation must be covered in a Remediation bond.

A brief background for this proposal follows:

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Main justification for the Rix's Creek expansion is that Bloomfield Mine at East Maitland will be depleted over next 10 yrs.

However it should be noted that Bloomfield recently purchased the adjacent Integra open cut that has been in care & maintenance (non operational) since last year.

So, probably the Main Justification offered by the Proponent is now in tatters

Rick Banyard 3 rd December 2015

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Submission: Online Submission from Rick Banyard (object)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=133289

Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2884

Rick Banyard

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Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 2:46 PM

To: Hamish Aiken
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Subject: Submission Details for John L Hayes (object)

Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:

To NSW Planning.

http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/development-categories/mining--petroleum---extractive-industries/mining/?action=view_job&job_id=6300

Re: Objection to Rix's Creek Mine Expansion

I have been living in Newcastle since 2004 and have a deep engagement with many Community Groups, Climate & Environment Groups, Planning groups, and Social Justice Groups

I, and the groups that I belong to have real concerns about Due Process with regard to Planning; Development Applications; and about Cumulative Impacts that relate to:

Climate and Environment;

Biodiversity;

Traffic Movement - Road, Rail and Ship;

Dust and Health and Pollution.

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Submission: Online Submission from John L Hayes (object)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=133271

Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2884

John L Hayes

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From: system@affinitylive.com on behalf of Murray Scott <mscott66@tpg.com.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 2 December 2015 6:43 PM

To: Hamish Aiken
Cc: Howard Reed

Subject: Submission Details for Murray Scott (object)

Attachments: signed Donationa Disclosure for Rix's Creek submission.pdf

Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: yes

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2233

Content:

I object to an additional 32 million tonnes of coal being extracted until 2038.

Having flown over the Rix's Creek and neighboring mines I am horrified by the land area devastated in the Hunter Valley by open-cut mines. Their abuse of good agricultural land, their noise, dust, traffic and water consumption and pollution impacts on adjoining residents, eg at Singleton, are unacceptable.

Employment in coal mining is forced on people by circumstance, valued for its pay and endured through loyalty, habit and lack of alternative opportunities. It is dirty, dangerous and damaging to health. It is wrong to recruit another generation to this work when cleaner alternatives are available in renewable energy and associated industries.

The world is trying to limit CO2 emissions to manage environmental and economic impacts from climate change. Most of the coal proposed to mine here is thermal coal, to be burned for electricity generation. Pollution from this source is the easiest to avoid with renewable wind or solar energy.

The extension of Rix's Creek Mine cannot be justified

IP Address: 27-32-49-40.tpgi.com.au - 27.32.49.40 Submission: Online Submission from Murray Scott (object)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=133152

Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2884

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Sent: Thursday, 3 December 2015 9:22 AM

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Subject: Submission Details for Katelijn Hullegie (object)

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Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:

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The extension of Rix's Creek Mine cannot be justified

IP Address: eth3880.nsw.adsl.internode.on.net - 150.101.126.39 Submission: Online Submission from Katelijn Hullegie (object) https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=133192

Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_iob&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2884

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From: system@affinitylive.com on behalf of Kaye Monro <kemonro@hotmail.com>

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Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content: The Secretary

The Department of Planning & Environment I oppose the Rixs Creek extension proposal. As a taxpayer I object to paying for the destructive coal mining industry.

Direct subsidies to coal mines by NSW tax payers:

- * coal (port) terminal leases
- * the provision of rail infrastructure to get coal to port or to power stations
- * tax rebates on diesel fuel
- * wholesale electricity costs
- * clean coal technology research
- * coal sector jobs packages
- * coal exploration

Tax payers are also paying the bills for:

- * environmental degradation caused by past and present mining, as well as the upkeep of toxic final voids.
- * the loss of prime agricultural land
- * water allocations given to mines meaning farms go without in times of drought
- * contamination of water ways
- * health costs due to mine emission pollution
- * climate change: severe weather events, bushfires, floods, extended droughts, etc The proponent's EIS states that estimated GH emissions will only be 0.031% of NSW's total emissions. Will the proponent pay 0.031% of NSW taxpayer's insurance costs?,0.031% of the cost of drought relief?, 0.031% for fixing the damage of severe whether events? 0.031% of the cost of extreme bush fires? Please reject this proposal.

IP Address: 124-168-13-74.dyn.iinet.net.au - 124.168.13.74 Submission: Online Submission from Kaye Monro (object)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=133348

Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

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Kaye Monro

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To: Hamish Aiken
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Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:

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The world is trying to limit CO2 emissions to manage environmental and economic impacts from climate change.

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Submission: Online Submission from Joachim Roxin (object)

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Submission for Job: #6300 Rix's Creek Extension Project https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=6300

Site: #2884 Rix's Creek Coal Mine

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