

# Denman Aberdeen Muswellbrook Scone Healthy Environment Group

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NSW

15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

The Secretary  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

The Department of Planning & Infrastructure

Dear Ms McNally,

## **Re: Objection to Drayton South Coal Project Application Number: SSD 6875**

I am writing on behalf of the **Denman Aberdeen Muswellbrook Scone Healthy Environment Group (DAMS HEG)** to object to the second application by Anglo American for the Drayton South open coal mine project.

We are concerned about the continued cumulative impacts of this proposal on our health and our environment.

Our specific local environmental concern relates to the critically endangered ecological community -Central Hunter Valley Eucalypt Forest and Woodland Complex. "Off-set" theory is problematic and the "like for like" condition is not being met. Globally, the taste the world is getting of the effects of climate change is being accepted as a signal to quit fossil fuels as quickly as possible.

Clearly the mine will negatively impact water courses and water quality, add to air pollution including dust and PMs 2.5 and PM10 from diesel combustion and add to the visual degradation of our local environment.

We love where we live, have experienced enough destruction in the Upper Hunter and ask that the environment we have left remain intact.

Wendy Wales

For DAMS HEG  
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