

I object to this mines further expansions as follows.

1) Since this mines inception, it has been allowed to expand, expand, expand. Of course further expansion will destroy further farm lands an existing river water table, native forests, mountains, animals and further small communities. This expansion will also further block the animals from their natural pathways between the ranges. We have considerable evidence from previous expansions there will be a huge cost in deaths by the native populations. You cannot put a 20km², eight foot fence around big holes and expect all the animals in the area to live and thrive they do not, they die horrible deaths. I have heard it called skittles, basically death alleys which we call roads around this mine. It is bad when these deaths are being hidden, once again nothing to see, hear or smell.

2) As this mine has been allowed to expand it has always pressed up against its neighbors and not in a positive fashion, this is part of their expansion strategy. I have been in people's homes over the years and witnessed the family carnage caused by noise and vibrations, along with the games played by Peabody Wilpingjongs various actors. Kids cannot sleep, adults very disturbed and the mine playing the nothing to see, hear or smell game. A truly horrible situation, pray you don't get an open cut coal mine as a neighbor.

3) It is appalling that we the communities are given shoddy maps, no consultation and many hundreds of pages prepared by Peabody's paid friends / consultants and expected to reply / object in such a short time frame. One can only assume it is part of the over all strategy by DPHI to assist the mine in obtaining their objectives. Basically bamboozling us the rural people with 100s of pages of reasons why the mine should expand with everyone singing from the same choir book, knowing full well that we have no time or resources to actually address this major issue that will be caused by this further expansion into our lives. In my opinion it is a stacked deck.

4) The mine cannot even get its blast notices for the general community correct. They send out emails to a few about their blasting. Yet move the time frames by the hour what ever suits them, is not good outcomes for the community who need this constant access without delay. I have emails about blasts that are occurring at 10:30pm, blasting is not allowed at night. The mine states that the Cooyal Mudgee road will be closed this road has been known as the Wollar Mudgee road forever! Cooyal isn't even affected by the mine or its blasts it is 20kms away. Do not the residents, park visitors and travellers at Wollar matter any longer? This mine cannot even get the basics correct. Being told your road will be closed for 45mins to an hour in a day or and then changing the time hour by hour is appalling. Will the mine be paying for cancelled appointments, lost time along with wasted fuel or are we expected to further sponsor this mine! No roads listed, maps you cannot see any detail in along with incorrect times, wrong road names and to top it off the blasting details change by the hour whenever it suits this mine, please look! If this is what the mine calls professionalism something is amiss.

5) The mines www site where we the community and the public are expected to go to view the reports and relevant data is a vacuum cleaner, no cookie control. I understand this reporting is for DPHI and obviously the Aussie public, but why do we have to surrender our freedoms to foreign entities to see such reports?

6) I have objected to the constant crawl of this mine over the years. And can only ask that you assessors look at the past submissions by us all, as I am certain there are elements we have all missed after all we are given inaccurate details, and compressed time frames to object to such a terrible thing. The phrase setup to fail comes to mind. Does this mine get to destroy another community because we don't have big dollar consultant friends to assist? This is definitely a David and Goliath situation. There is no equity for the communities within all this process, The maps provided in the submission are useless. The details are sketchy at best. Peabody can't even get the basics like their blast notices correct on a week by week basis. We do have the notices!

7) The mines own online complaints register to DPHI is a sham. And has been used to bully / intimidate complainants over the years it is a list of stories told by Peabody and printed as gospel. Why has the mine ceased recording complainant's calls? The previously recorded calls will establish this bullying behavior along with report manipulations. Unfortunately this government reporting has been used by Peabody Wilpingjong mine to bully the surrounding communities as it has expanded. I appreciate the mine has many tentacles within your organizations, along with community members in NDA's however none of the children were compensated and can now put in sworn statements against this mine going forward.

8) We have personally experienced the dishonesty and games played by this mine. Clearly all the many years of complaints and never nothing to see, hear or smell is statically impossible. I appreciate most of Cumbo, Wilpingjong, Wollar, Barragan ++ had to sell to flee basically runaway as there is no room for neighbors when a small coal mine is constantly allowed an expansion on an expansion. Further expansion and destruction of another Australian community is not acceptable. NDAs with absent land holders and neighbors does not show the gravity of this problem, but as we all know rather hides it and allows the next in line to suffer unduly. Peabody's mine, always two steps sideways and one step forward, rinse and repeat.

9) Our vehicle broke down the other evening and had to walk 14kms, no miners picked me up, as they raced past to kill another Koala or Wallaby. In the old days I would have walked into one of my neighbor's places and would have been rendered assistance. But not now, you are on your own out here. I do not call this mine community in any fashion.

10) The Wollar fire brigade is now gone thanks to Peabody Wilpingjong. The Cooks gap fire brigade, which this mine makes out in their submission that it has a relationship with, has no jurisdiction in the Wollar, Barragan, Mogo, Ulan, Bylong area. This belongs to another brigade! As members of the RFS which I have great respect for, already know that no one is coming to help, not like the old days when neighbors hooked in and saved each other. Peabody Wilpingjong has already stated it will always put the mine first and foremost during any fires. The mine is clearly not part of our community! And most of team RFS is an hour away please do not erode our community further, we do need each other for safety by the end of the day.

It will be a terrible day when the National Park has a fire and the only road out is on fire as well and there is no one with any local knowledge to save anyone. I guess they will have to hide and pray that they can remain safe for at least an hour till help arrives. This in my opinion is a possible outcome going forward. If these expansions are allowed, we the community will not be able to help as we have been pushed out. As it stands, we the community can have water on a fire within about 10 or 15 minutes in an emergency, as many of our community members who are left are also trained RFS members and have our own fire fighting rigs available. We also keep safe refuge zones where visitors can be kept safe until the troops arrive. Locals are sometimes a god send.

11) Do not let the mine further steal the songs and sounds from our birds and wildlife. We live in a National Park. 14Kms away from the mine based on what the mine likes to pretend. About 7 or 8 kms as the crow fly's through the national park is more accurate. The mines own modeling previously provided in the mines upgrades to DPHI clearly has big faults in it. It states 30dB one or two kilometers away from us, behind a hill and a forest, yet we constantly suffer the mines noise impacts. My neighbors 4 kms behind us in the bush behind a mountain also hear this mines noise, clearly not 30dB one of two kilometers in front of us as per this mines modeling. We are Mogo and not even in Wollar and already suffer its interference to our lives. The pending upgrades will place this appalling operator even closer to us.

12) The last lot of upgrades / expansions have caused us many nights of harm no sleep due to drilling up against basalt country, dozers, dozer tracks and other mine noises, loads being dropped as well as big diesels all this is especially worse during the nights. There is nothing like constant broken or no sleep to drive people nuts. Waking at 1am with a big dozer in your bedroom or lying in bed trying to sleep while a drill is boring into your head. We live within a National Park we can hear the frogs and fan tail birds at night this is how it has been forever! To have this destroyed because of Peabody's greed is appalling. The mine is often louder than the trains which are located between us and this mine.

The mine cannot be 35dB in Wollar a public place and 35dB 14kms away, unfortunately sound does not work like that. Something is very smelly with Peabody Wilpingjong and yes you can smell the mine in and around Wollar from time to time. As it stands there is lots of evidence that the mine affects its neighbors with dust with odors and with noise it constantly disturbs its neighbors as it operates, you cannot be in the mountain range and pretend to be quiet to your lower surrounding neighbors rather impossible! Some modern mining equipment is louder then the rear of a fighter jet.

13) Due to constant expansion towards our direction. The Mogo, 2850 area, we have experienced the following from this mine. Yearly odors (spontaneous Combustion) always the same time periods like clock work. This stink's our home out always around 8:30pm to about 9:00pm and then disappears. This occurs each night in the warmer months when there is a breeze from the mines direction of course the mine plays the nothing to see, hear or smell game. This is the same odor that surrounds the mine most mornings and evenings / nights when it is occurring. The mines complaints can be found at <https://www.peabodyenergy.com/Operations/Australia-Mining/New-South-Wales-Mining/Wilpinjong-Mine/Approvals,-Plans-Reports> for public perusal. (Beware of the Cookie Policy) Please note the community members also have records about this from multiple sources over the years which are considerably different to what the mine presents. Once again the mine plays the nothing to see, hear or smell game.

14) Do not let this mine destroy the gateway into a National Park, if you have the time come to Wollar for a drive and drive to Spring Gully and Big River camp for a night it is a very popular camp ground it is beautiful. Wollar still stands even though Peabody has destroyed most of the town's character and decimated the local community. Do the drive from Mudgee, via the Mudgee Wollar road it is a beauty and then take the return trip via the Wollar Ulan road to witness the horror, or should I say walls, fences and holes. Do not allow this mines latest attempt at destroying some beautiful country it will be disgusting and possibly destroy the overall enjoyment as you drive through their noise, dust and odors to enter a National Park experience.

15) Its hard to tell by the limited graphic details provided by this mines upgrade information, but it looks as though if these Mod3 / Pit++ upgrades are allowed to continue on Mogo road, the only entrance into the National Park will have zero access during times when they are blowing up the mountains. At the moment we have two ways to Mudgee, so if the mine mucks us around we have a choice. Since the mine changes its blast times by the hour we are able to travel the alternate route. Will we now need to call the mine and report our movements prior to leaving home on any day going forward? Perhaps even have to ask for permission to travel our road without hindrance? Or will we be canceling appointments and further sponsoring this mine? Our Postal service is still a mess everyone ticked boxes and ran off, yet we suffer this comedy! This mine cost us all considerably, when it shut the shop one could take the opinion that everything the mine has done, is to the communities and natures detriment for many miles around.

16) You already know why this particular mines expansions needs to be stopped. We the remainder of the community already sponsor this mine financially along with our time. We now have to do 150km round trips to get a carton of milk or a rego inspection or to pick up a parcel with time limits. We pay in time, fuel and running costs, there is nothing like a mine been given a green light to destroy Australian life further. Please stop this mines insanity.

17) Further light pollution will detract from the wonderful views the National park has of the night sky. The South West now looks like a city at night, such a shame. Please don't allow a further crawl of light pollution along our Southern Sky.

Please no further upgrades for this mine. Let it wind down like they promised. Let us have our peace back!