

Mining and Industry Projects
NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Submission as an Objection - Angus Place Colliery PA06_0021 Modification 4
Pre-emptive development of roadways and headings for longwalls 1001 and 1003**

As representative of the people of NSW and custodian of our land and its resources, I am ever hopeful that the health of our land and the use of it, will be a high priority in your Department. As a representative of bushwalkers, I trust that mining will not be approved indiscriminately without considerable research into its consequences and its real long term value. Please consider the following:

- Carne Creek is currently in a pristine state, and its waters that flow through the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area are of the highest standard.
- Carne Creek must not run bright orange or suffer reduced flows, just like the Wolgan River after Centennial Coal wrecked it.
- Centennial Coal is manipulating the planning system to gain a tactical benefit, namely to set the width of the longwalls as a precedent in the sensitive area proposed for future mining under SSD 5602 before the Planning Assessment Commission as considered the major extension proposal.
- Centennial Coal is attempting to "lock in" the position of regulatory authorities regarding damaging mining in the Carne Creek area before the Planning Assessment Commission decided the matter.
- The Modification 4 proposal should either be refused or its determination deferred until the major mine extension for Angus Place (SSD5602) is accessed and determined by the Planning Assessment Commission.
- This small amount of proposed mining is not needed for continuity of operations at Angus Place, and I oppose this proposal as it pre-empts decision making for the major mine extension proposal under assessment (i.e. SSD5602).
- Centennial Coal advertised this minor Modification during the exhibition for the major mine extension causing confusion and to be fair all the submissions to Modification 4 and SSD5602 proposals must be considered in relation to both these proposals.
- Centennial Coal must not be allowed consent for Modification 4 over an area where first workings have already been sought and approved last year in a restricted manner did not pre-empt decisions on the major extension by the Planning Assessment Commission.
- The proposed first workings being applied for under Modification 4 set up longwall mining of panels 1001 and 1003 that are wider than those previously approved and will lead to more environmental damage in the sensitive Carne Creek catchment than was caused in the Wolgan River catchment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Stewart
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