

Mining and Industry Projects

NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure

GPO Box 39,

Sydney NSW 2001.

Date, June 6, 2014.



Dear, Sir/Madam,

Submission

Submission as an Objection-Angus Place Colliery PA06_0021 Modification 4

Pre-emptive development of roadways and headings for longwalls 1001 and 1003

The old story, give an inch and take a mile!

The Gardens of Stone and the adjacent Newnes Plateau are of national heritage significant and with world heritage values. The potential long-term heritage economic tourism values need to be taken into consideration with any proposal that could undermine those values. These mining proposals some of which are now abut and adjacent to existing world heritage areas are very concerning.

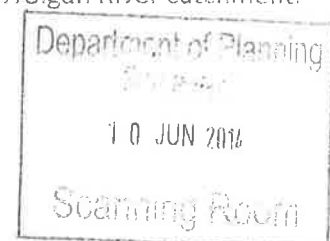
The modification 4 proposal should either be refused or its determination deferred until the major mine extension for Angus Place (SSD5602) is assessed and determined by the planning Assessment Commission.

This small amount of proposed mining may not be required 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 that 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 the wider than those previously approved and will lead to more environmental damage in the sensitive Came Creek catchment than was caused in the Wolgan River catchment.



Centennial Coal seems to be attempting to lock in the position of possible regulatory damaging mining in this sensitive Came Creek area before the Planning Assessment Commission has decided the matter.

Came 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.

Came creek must not run bright orange or suffer reduced flows, just like the Wolgan River after works by Centennial Coal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Bidder', with a stylized, cursive script.

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