



# Hunter Environment Lobby Inc.

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## Bloomfield Colliery Life of Mine Extension – Mod 4

### Submission of Objection

Hunter Environment Lobby Inc.(HEL) is a regional community-based environmental organization that has been active for well over 25 years on the issues of environmental degradation, species and habitat loss, and climate change.

HEL has commented on and objected to many of the existing and further modifications to coal mines in the Hunter for the time we have existed, most of these objections relating to environmental factors.

Factors such as biodiversity impacts, loss of habitat and remnant vegetation, impacts on loss and quality of groundwater, air quality impacts on communities in the Hunter, and noise impacts on adjacent communities – have all figured in our objections, and do so today in our objection to this development modification at Bloomfield.

HEL has also recently, in the last ten years or so, objected to coal developments or expanding of modifications or mining timeframes on the grounds of increasing Green House Gas Emissions (GHGE) into the atmosphere both here in Australia in the case of fugitive emissions or overseas where the coal is burnt to achieve power generation.

Any increase in Australia's GHGE whether occurring here or overseas over the period of mining will threaten Australia's ability to meet the Paris Agreement.

HEL has some concerns it wishes to raise here in our objection today and we also ask that we may make further comments following the close of this development as we are in consultation with experts who have had many mining related issues ahead of this development and we await their comments. Please see this as a request and reply accordingly?

I bring to your notice at the moment the issue of the SEAR's which rings alarm bells on examination, especially in the communications between the Bloomfield Group and the Planning Department in November 2015.

We wish to follow the issues to see the resolution and reporting, and we find that our time to object is running out, we would like to put that issue on the agenda in our next correspondence with you?

The issues which alarm us the most at this juncture are:-

The Pre-Clearance Surveys;

Biodiversity Impacts;  
The slated removal of the rehabilitated water-course;  
Impacts on Ground Water;  
The Final Void strategy;  
Increase in dust emissions adding to cumulative impacts already in the Hunter.

HEL will contact you to add to our short objection with more detail in the coming fortnight, we hope that meets with your timeframe.

Sincerely Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Davis', is positioned above the typed name.

Jan Davis  
President Hunter Environment Lobby Inc.