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Subject: OBJECTION TO NOISE FROM CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY, MANNERING COLLIERY AND VALES POINT POWER STATION
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Dear Ms Anderson, Mr Phillips and Mr Curran:

I am writing this email on behalf of myself, Diane Paton, and my husband Philip Paton. We are residents of Macquarie Shores Village which is situated at 150 Tall Timbers Road, Doyalson North. My husband and I have been residents of this village for one year. We moved to this village from Lisarow because my husband has a terminal disease, Younger Onset Dementia, and he is unable to work. I am his carer. We thought it would be peaceful and restful here for my husband but it has not been the case. We live in Site 116, which is in Fifth Avenue.

The noise and vibrations from the machinery at the colliery cause disturbed sleep and you cannot have a window open at night due to the noise, you can sometimes hear the alarms going off as well. We have our windows closed and heavy curtains drawn at night but you can still hear the noise and feel the vibrations. If you sit up in bed to read a book, you can feel the wall vibrating behind you. Also in our spare bedroom at the back of the house you can hear the noise and feel the vibrations. The noise and vibrations are ongoing every day. You have to use the air conditioning in summer because you cannot leave the windows open.

The disturbance to our sleep is very distressing, especially for my husband. We moved up here to enjoy peace and quiet but sadly this is not so. Property owners have a right not to be unreasonably bothered by noise. It astounds me that the operators of these plants can run their machinery all day and night and make as much noise as they like, despite complaints from nearby residents. We should be able to enjoy our home and have peace and quiet and be able to sleep at night. My husband's neurologist has prescribed sleeping pills for him and my health has also suffered due to lack of sleep.

Both noise and air pollution have negative impacts upon quality of life and health, including mental health, and these issues need to be addressed. The noise and air pollution impact on human health is a significant issue that justifies putting into place strict control methods for operation, including no operations during the night. There has been a dramatic increase in fine particle pollution which has been confirmed by the collieries own data (2017). Millions of tonnes of greenhouse gases are being emitted each year.

Apart from the noise, there is a lot of dust created because of the coal, this of itself is a health hazard. Why does the Government not step in and do something about the noise and air pollution from the coal plant? The Government should do something about this matter and the health of its constituents.

Please do something to stop the noise and the air pollution coming from the Chain Valley Colliery, the Mannerling Colliery and Vales Point power station.

Yours faithfully

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