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Attention Mr Howard Reed
Director, Resource Assessment
Department of Planning and Environment

Dear Sir **Objection to Modification Request by Hunter Valley Operation South- MP 06 0261**
MOD 5

I am the owner of a property located to the north east of the current overburden operations where houses 271 and 272 are situated.

On the property is a long established operating Dairy utilising pastures irrigated from both Glennies Creek and the Hunter River plain.

I wish to lodge the following objections to the requested modification.

1. That during construction of proposed over burden emplacement both the property in particular the residents will be subjected to a substantial increase, in dust, noise and lights more than currently experienced. We have put up with such imposition since the 2008 approval and consider that is enough and now there is the potential for increased impact for many more years.
2. The visual outlook during construction of a new mound which potentially could be constructed in a manner similar to that taking place at Ravensworth North. That manner is unacceptable. The sight of airborne dust on windy days emanating from Ravensworth North is unbelievable and in certain condition reaches the property.
3. The raising of emplacement by a further 80 meters will block most of our view of the mountains. Such a loss of view is well under stood by Coal and Allied representatives who have visited the site and overlaid on a photograph what the end result will look like.
4. The proposed removal of a considerable area (about 100Ha) of already established rehabilitated works is looked upon as a backward step to enhancing public acceptance of mining operations in general.

I declare that I have not made any political donation during the past 2 years

Regards.
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