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MANGOOLA COAL CONTINUED OPERATIONS PROJECT

Application No: SSD 8642

We have owned our property for over 40 years.

The existing Mangoola mine operations have already had a significant negative impact on our property, our community and the lifestyle we once enjoyed in a quiet rural environment.

I object to the MCCO project for the following reasons.

- Property value – already the value of our property has been eroded. The MCCO project will bring mining operations closer and we are concerned this will further devalue our property and impact negatively on our ability to sell when we want or need to.
- Noise – the existing mine operations cause unacceptable levels of noise particularly at night resulting in disturbed sleep and impacting our health. This will only intensify if the MCCO project is approved.
- Dust – We are seeing increased levels of dust and hate feeling shut in by having to keep windows and doors closed. I am concerned about the air quality and the long-time effect on our health. We are subjected to a constant 'Dust Haze' over the whole area.
- Traffic – there has been an increase in traffic on our local roads since the mine started which will intensify with this proposal and also cause inconvenience from road closures due to blasting and construction.
- Loss of Community – I am concerned that if approved the project will further fragment the community. Once we knew our neighbours, we knew their cars, we knew their kids and their dogs, we looked out for each other but now properties are rented. Renters come and go and don't get involved in the community.
- Visual Amenity – where once we sat on our verandah and looked out at a scenic rural environment we now see a huge open cut mine. Our house is on a hill overlooking the mine and no amount of tree planting will hide this. We see the pit, the heavy machinery and the lights.
- Wildlife – I am concerned at the loss of wildlife corridors and habitat. The increased number of displaced kangaroos and wombats feeding along the roads is a danger to road users.

All these concerns have been aired several times in the submissions when Mangoola was first approved and in surveys done since. Again this time we sat with the Social Impact consultants and talked through, with emotion, how the existing mine has already impacted us and the concerns we have with the MCCO project. However the emotion is lost in the final report and it offers mitigation measures to address concerns. Mitigation can't compensate for the quiet rural environment we once had.

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