

The Secretary
Department of Planning & Environment
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Dr. Peter Turner
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Attention: Mr. Howard Reed
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Objection to 09_0161 MOD 1 - Time Extension

Dear Mr. Reed,

I write to oppose the application by Wollongong Coal for a five year extension to approval (PA) 09_016 for longwall mining in the Nebo area of the Wongawilli mine. The key concerns are as follows:

- Repeated demonstration of inadequate operational competence at both Wongawilli and Russell Vale. At Wongawilli for example; loss of longwall machine, failure to provide subsidence monitoring for Longwall 15 and other compliance failures. At Russell Vale; damage to vegetation, various compliance failures and failure to provide adequate responses to the IESC.
- Inadequate project planning and management demonstrated at both Wongawilli and Russell Vale and suspension of trading on the Australian Securities Exchange for breaching its reporting obligations.
- Operations within the Dams Safety Committee Notification Area
- Approval of (PA) 09_016 with respect to an inadequate economic assessment - essentially the same deeply flawed regional and NSW assessment as that effectively rejected by the PAC in its review of the Russell Vale UEP.
- Approval of (PA) 09_016 with respect to inadequate baseline data, modelling and impact assessment
- Approval of (PA) 09_016 with respect piecemeal approach to the Western Expansion

Yours Sincerely

Peter Turner