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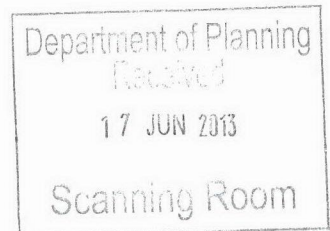
Dear Minister for Planning and Infrastructure,

We wish to make a submission on the application from Moolarben Coal Mine Stage 1 Optimisation Project - Application number 05-0117 MOD 9

WE STRONGLY OPPOSE AND OBJECT TO THE ABOVE PROPOSED MODIFICATION.

The above modification will:-

- Increase noise we already experience
- Increase dust we already experience
- Increase traffic and road deterioration
- Destroy native habitat and the wildlife whose homes have been lost
- Destroy agricultural land



We own a 25 acre arable, well watered property with a 4 bedroom home. We run some sheep and cattle and various fowls. When we brought our property it was to live, work and retire in a rural environment.

We can't believe that Moolarben can keep 'moving the goal posts' so to speak - but are you really going to approve the destruction of the Great Dividing Range - that is our view from our front door, and what a view it is. Something that we at Cooks Gap are proud of! In years to come do you want to look back and say - "Yes we gave Moolarben the go ahead to destroy an Australian icon - The Great Dividing Range for Moolarben Coal owned by an Asian mining company.

We are not in a position where we can sell as the prices around Mudgee away from the mines have risen above and beyond what we can afford. When we brought rural we didn't expect to have the constant noise and traffic that we now have. We wanted a tree change way of life for our retirement phase of life - not mining chaos, where the land is raped and left barren- where wild life have had their homes destroyed as well as lie dead on the road. We face danger when we try to go to work in Mudgee.

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Nothing has changed or improved since our last objection in Feb 2012 - living in this area has become worse and given that there are 3 mines in the area there are accumulative effects which make impacts greater.

Therefore in closing, we wish to strongly object to the granting of this proposed modification.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D J Coventry', written in a cursive style.