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Referring to the development to the Moolarben Coal Mine Stage 2

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MUDGEE 2850

1st March 2012

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Project No. Moolarben Stage 2

Submission of Objection

Reference: Moolarben Coal Project Application Number: 08_0135

Dear Sir,

We object to the Moolarben Coal Mine Project.

Our property is located on the south west corner of the EL 6288 and development application area.

We have 800 hectares of agricultural land that lies between the Moolarben mine and the Great Dividing Range. We operate Bocoble Merino Stud which is well known throughout the eastern states and which has been handed down from generation to generation, now has been in the family for 119 years. Hopefully for many more years to come.

From where we are positioned Open Cut No.2 will be clearly visible and also Open Cut No.3 will be approximately 1100 metres from our house (M. Cox area No. 31 on EA map).

We also feel that with a coal mine this close that our land is worthless, we would not be able to sell as no one would want to live so close to a coal mine.

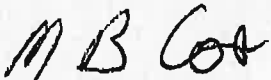
We are not convinced that the noise modelling is correct as this new Moolarben Mine will be next door to us and we can already hear the Ulan and Wilpinjong mines both approximately 10 to 15 kms from us.

Our valley has a high incidence of inversion layers leading to greater dust and noise pollution. This with a coal mine so close this will increase dramatically.

Also, we are not satisfied with the testing and modelling that has been done with the ground water along the Lagoon Creek that flows from our property down towards the proposed mine area. As the water table only needs to fall 3 metres, for spring fed dams to dry up as these are our main source of water for our stock and domestic uses. We have 24 springs and 5 bores, 2 of these are equipped. Our water needs to be reliable to be able to run the Stud efficiently.

I, Malcolm Cox would like to present my submission to the panel on 1st March 2012. My telephone number is (02) 63734880 mobile 0427734642.

Yours sincerely



Malcolm Cox



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