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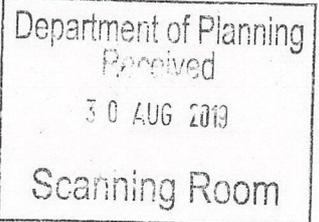
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application SSD 9526 Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project
Appendix H Historic Heritage Assessment

I wish to make a submission on part of the above application ie Appendix H Historic Heritage Assessment.

I am objecting to the development because Appendix H Historic Heritage Assessment has failed in a number of areas: -

1. The assessment has relied heavily on previous reports
2. There is no map showing the impact area over Parish Maps. While the Underground covers an area occupied by large properties (which have been identified) the Transport and Service Corridor is through an area of small farms. These have not been identified.
3. Maps on pp.4-5 are about the size of a large postage stamp and are useless.
4. The assessment states that there will be very little surface impact due to the operation being underground. Longwall mining produces considerable impact due to subsidence, which I have observed first hand.
5. Edderton: While there is a lengthy description of the main building, other buildings including two houses have been neglected. One of these houses has hand cut bearers so it could pre date the main house. This part of the assessment needs a plan to provide a better understand of the relationship between the structures mentioned.
6. Bowfields: Plan needed to locate the features mentioned in the assessment.
7. Plashett: As above – plan badly needed. Further, there has been no assessment of the timber stables etc to the east of the homestead. The present poor climatic conditions would be an ideal time to attempt to locate the position of other building that must have existed on a large working station. The Historic Heritage Assessment states that the Project will have no impact on Plashett. There will unless there is an undertaking to maintain the site and complete the work started by Anglo American.

Hoping my submission will be taken into account when evaluating the Maxwell Coal Project.

Kind regards,

Rob Tickle