

16 November 2012

TRANSMITTAL VIA EMAIL

Mr Stephen O'Donoghue
Planning Officer
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
23-33 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW

Dear Stephen,

Re: Cobbora Coal Project Environmental Assessment and Project Application

Along with my wife Colleen we currently hold land on the eastern side of the land held by Cobbora Holding Company Pty Limited of which several acres of our property are in the proposed exploration licence.

As long term residents of the area we currently have a number of issues which we feel have not been adequately addressed by the proposed Cobbora Coal Mine Environmental Assessment. I have outlined these below for reference:

- We currently rely heavily on under-groundwater for stock and domestic purposes and especially during dry spells we are totally reliant on these aquifers for watering all our stock. Modelling presented within the Environmental Assessment appears to show a impact to the Alluvial Aquifers , however we are still unsure the effect this will have our business or water quality and quantity. This is a significant concern to us as to lose our underground water supply would render our property unviable and should be further addressed by Cobbora Coal.
- We also maintain reservations to the potential impacts from noise and air quality from the proposed operations. We recognise that the Environmental Assessment has modelled these potential impacts and the results indicate that we will not be affected. Our concern primarily relates to winds within the local area from the South-West which will amplify these issues to our residence and our property. These are unknown factors at present but any requests to have these monitored prior to operations beginning have been ignored.
- As dedicated life-long farmers, we do maintain issues with Land Management with Cobbora Coal and their inability to control weeds and feral animals - with inadequate weed or feral animal control undertaken on properties acquired by Cobbora Coal is not ideal and is likely to cause huge impact to adjoining properties, like ourselves, and introduce financial impost to our business from the need to undertake additional weed control / feral animal controls programs within our landholding
- A major concern to us is the land held by Cobbora Coal presenting as a major bushfire hazard due to the lack of residents, which has resulted in the build up of fuel and inadequate bushfire prevention.
- We are also concerned our current land holding is being devalued as a result of having no neighbours competing for the purchase of our land and any potential purchaser being deterred away as a result of not wishing to leave near a Coal Mine. We maintain these reservations.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Yours sincerely



Gordon Cox