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Re: Airly Mine Extension Project Application SSD 5581

To whom it may concern:

For the past 25 years we have been land owners and rate payers on the property Rocky Tops that looks up at Genowlan Mountain (Affectionately known as Monkey Mountain because of the distinctive face of a monkey at the very point.

Four generations of our family, my father, my-self and my husband, and my nieces and nephews and now their spouses and children have enjoyed the Capertee Valley as an escape from city life.

We value the natural beauty of the surroundings, the birds and animals, swimming in the creek and growing a few vegetables and especially we value the quiet, very Australian!

We would like as retirees that have worked hard, paid taxes, and served our country at war, to continue to enjoy the place we call our home away from home, the place that my father called home.

We feel all of this will be put at risk by the Airly Mine Genowlan Extension Project.

WE IMPORE THE MINISTER TO LIST AS A CONDITIONS OF THE AIRLY MINE Extension Project Application No SSD 5581:

1. WATER: **The water quantity and quality, to all properties along the Genowlan, Emu and Coco Creeks. Our farms need these creeks for survival. It's not just the mines that want to survive.** The mine seems to be in denial that the extraction of water on their behalf will have no effect on the flow of Genowlan and Emu Creeks. Australia is a country where water is a valuable commodity, and in short supply. How can a foreign owned mine (who has no interest in Australia's long term future) who may be there for 20 years be allowed to interfere with natural springs and aquifers which have been there for thousands of years and at least since the memory of White Settlement. The water is vital to keep the creeks and the rivers flowing, any changes will change the nature of the Capertee Valley.

2. VISUAL: **Not to interfere with the visual enjoyment of all residents of the Capertee Valley, to guarantee not to expose the coal so that it is visible from any road, as it is now. Not to destroy the visual and environmental value of Genowlan Mountain**

3. NOISE: **Minimal or no noise, we want to hear the birds when we listen, not the drone of machinery, already we are hearing the rumble just a few short kilometres from Airly Mine.**

4: **ENVIRONMENT:** Our unique flora and fauna may suffer special places such as the “Grotto”, the abundant life that it holds within this area may even perish. The animals and especially the bird life for which the Valley is famous for will suffer, the plants, birds and mammals that exist on Genowlan Mountain have been undisturbed in their natural state for many hundreds if not thousands of years. We need Centennial Coal to be held accountable for anything that is destroyed, at any cost.

The Grotto and Genowlan Mountain is a magnificent natural environment not found elsewhere in this world.

5. **PROPERTY VALUE:** Property values and sales are already being affected, no one wants to purchase if your property is close to or adjoining a mine site. There needs to be some sort of buffer zone introduced so that properties with x kilometres from a mines boundary are purchased as a buffer.

6. **EASTERN PORTAL:** The community need a guarantee that there will be no Eastern portal no portal at all. If they do not want an Eastern Portal, where is a “portal going” or is that another surprise we will get at a later date. **NO PORTAL AT ALL PLEASE!**

We are retirees, we can’t fight these mines nor do we want to but we need our elected representatives to stand up for us as Australian Citizens and keep these foreign investors honest.

At what cost will this mine be allowed to continue.

The cost is just too high for Communities, Individuals and farmers whose property values and livelihoods are affected.

The Environment, the birds and mammals, long term Australians will suffer.

Sincerely

S & P Harvey