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**Re:- APPLICATION No. MP 07-0127 MOD 4 & DA 200-5-2003 MOD 2**

I am a stakeholder to the above proposed development modification project, as an individual local resident, and as an Agricultural grower of Italian Quality Hazelnuts since Jan. 2000, as recommended by research done by the department of Industry and Investment NSW. I am located less then 2km north and approximately 45metre lower in altitude of the present open cut coal operations of the Cullen Valley Mine.(Property ID. 108)

The submitted DA in 2003 for the above mine area, from the then Lithgow coal company P/L included the northern boundary at a position some 500metres north to its present approved position. This proposed boundary position was rejected at the time, due to the concerns raised by the residents of Red Springs Road immediately to the north of the operations and was cut back to its now position some 500metres south.

The new boundary positions are again proposed to encroach northwards and eastwards effecting the health and well being of myself and my family and consequently I oppose the approval of these new boundaries, for open cut mining.

In Addition to the above I point out that we are on Tank Water which is effected by excessive dust and pollutants, and our trees are wind pollinated which are also effected by excessive dust and pollution.

Our Water Source comes from deep underground and running in sandstone crevices developed over millions of years. Blasting can cause fracture of the sandstone due to high energy waves travelling large distances in dense rock areas, which could de-pressure rise and or change direction of this precious natural resource for which our orchard relies on, and we use best practice dripper irrigation on our trees.

I accept the reason given for this proposed extension to the boundaries , however I believe that any approval should be based on leaving the boundaries as they are for open cut operations and any further extension required if approved should be under option 4 page 21 of the Environmental assessment plan i.e.. Underground operations only, or in a manner not to adversely effect local residences.

I declare that I have not made any donations of \$1000.00 or more to any political party and request that the above concerns be taken account off when considering the above DA for approval.

yours faithfully

