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Cullen Valley Mine

Cullen Valley Mine is situated on two of our boundaries. We oppose the approval of the development application. We cannot see them improving their work ethics this time around when they couldn't do it the last time for example; dust on the haul road which runs directly behind us, noise before 7am, trucks not covering loads when exiting the mine, the ongoing smell of where the coal is on fire underground from where they previously opened it up.

The dust which comes directly off the haul road into our property makes working on the back half of our property near impossible. The dust is resulting into less enjoyment of recreational activities on our property also. An enjoyable walk is being disturbed by their dust. Regular movement of vehicles and machinery also makes the dust worse. They have a water truck which never seems to be used, upon enquiries directly to the mine from ourselves has resulted in numerous excuses as to why it is not operating. These excuses consist of no employee to operate the truck, the truck is broken down, forgetful staff, usage of the Haul road prior to the water truck being used.

Cullen Valley Mine's environmental impact statement stated that there would be minimal noise prior to 7am on working days but has not been abided by at all times. Movement of trucks & vehicles operate prior to this time, which on many occasions is above the allowable decibels (35). Revving of trucks prior to 7am is on a regular basis.

*Trucks which exit the mine are by law required to cover each and every load. On numerous occasions trucks leaving the mine have not been covered, creating more dust and coal falling out of the trailer and directly onto the road & following vehicles.*

The smell of which comes from the underground workings is a frequent occurrence. The smell is so overpowering at times, our home has to have all windows & doors closed, working or enjoyable activities have to cease until the smell has subsided. Cullen Valley Mine should fix all underground heating prior to getting more leases. The smell & fumes which come from the underground workings is not healthy for the environment.

In conclusion we do not approve of Cullen Valley Mine getting more leases. Previous complaints directly to the mine have not resolved any of these reoccurring issues as stated above. On the previous lease Cullen Valley Mine promised to fix these complaints but never followed them through. Therefore please take into consideration our complaints as neighbours before granting any more leases to Coalpac.

Yours Faithfully

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