

## **SUBMISSION**

### **MOUNT THORLEY CONTINUATION - 2014**

I object to Rio Tinto's application for the Mount Thorley Continuation – 2014 project.

As stated in my Warkworth submission these two projects, when put together are the same project that was rejected by Judge Preston in the Land and Environment Court in 2013 finding that the expansion of Warkworth mine by Rio Tinto would do more harm than good to the NSW public. The Supreme Court found in 2014 that the expansion plans by Rio Tinto failed on merit.

We are now forced to write two submissions for a project which will make life in the village of Bulga intolerable. The noise, dust and blasting from this mine is already causing grief to residents and if this mine is allowed to expand to within 2.5 kilometres of the village it will deem the village unliveable. Will Rio Tinto then buy all of the houses and rent them out to coal miners turning the village into a mining camp?

The continual statements by Rio Tinto that if the expansion is not approved 1300 jobs will be lost are a very short-sighted approach.

To justify projects on the basis of employment is immoral and unsustainable.

The NSW Government should be encouraging diversification in industry.

The NSW Government and the Planning Department must respect the judgements of the Land and Environment Court and the Supreme Court and reject these projects.

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