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Mt Thorley Continuation Project

Application: SSD 6485

To Director of Mining project

On the application SSD 6484, I object to the approval of this applications on the below grounds.

- The original application was rejected in the Land and environment court and the supreme court on merit and a point of law
- There is no changes in the application which ensures the protection of the community from noise, air quality, loss of community
- Mitigation is not measured correctly in any project, that it is effective, there lacks performances parameters
- Economic value of the asset, is far less and decreasing due to market and oversupply
  of a product.
- With value of coal now and the future, due to global changes to technology, the number of employees would be substantially less, as we have seen the number of employment losses through the industry now. So the numbers which the company is stating now could be largely inflated and would suspect more employment losses to ensure profitability
- If the government retains the quarry mentality, the state will not grow into other markets in which the rest of the world is advancing now, and the hunter will be the hardest hit and it is time we diversify to encourage other industries and protect what land is not destroyed.
- Rehabilitation has not been proven sustainable as yet, a number of trials have commenced but it is only small sections of land. The uses of final voids are still an issue and actually will they support any economic advantage to the area in the future at all but more of a disadvantage, and possibly expensive of the local government growth in the future

Regards

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