

Major Project Assessment
Department of Planning & Environment
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Modification to the Wilpinjong Coal Mine Project (05_0021 MOD 6)
Submission of Objection: Deadline Friday 18th July 2014

Thursday, July 17th, 2014.

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept my submission of **strong objection** to the proposed modification to the Wilpinjong Coal Mine.

My main points of objection are as follows:

1. This mine continues to have a negative socio-economic impact on Wollar. Peabody is now the largest landholder in the area and this has caused a complete distortion in the property market. We have lost the Wollar Bush Fire Brigade as it is now amalgamated with Cooks Gap. This leaves us very vulnerable in times of emergency. There has also been a dramatic loss of families attending the local school.
2. Wilpinjong have demonstrated that they are unable to control the issues with spontaneous combustion. It's clearly stated in the conditions of consent that no odour shall leave the site. The residents of Wollar are constantly exposed to the combustion odour and the mine have continually skirted around the problem and somehow avoided prosecution by the Environment Protection Authority.
3. Noise and dust are still unacceptable and any modification can only have an adverse effect.
4. The issue of speeding mine traffic through the village, and indeed the whole district, has not been adequately addressed and the current assessment does not take this issue into account. Residents are fed up with mine traffic completely ignoring the 50 kilometre per hour speed limit in the village, and this poses a serious risk to other motorists, pedestrians and our kids who ride bikes and their horses around the town.

The residents of Wollar are still living with the issues of noise, dust and spontaneous combustion. We were assured the village would be an area of non disturbance. I can assure you that this is not the case and our quality of life is continually impacted.

Any further modification of the Wilpinjong mine will only further degrade the quality of life my family has enjoyed in the village of Wollar for generations.

In conclusion, I **strongly oppose** any modification or expansion of the mine.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Fetch.
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