

18th July 2014

NSW Department of Planning & Environment
Major Projects Assessment

Submission as an Objection Ref No: MP 05_0021 MOD 6
Wilpinjong Coal Mine Modification 6 - Product Optimisation

Attn: Brendan Liew

Sir

I offer the following items as sufficient reason to reject the above application in the interests of the local Wollar community:

1. The operation of the mine is not managing spontaneous combustion under current approvals. (Schedule 3 Condition 16). Offensive odour emissions from the mine are interfering with the comfort of the local community.
2. The Industrial Noise Policy does not protect the health of the Wollar community.
3. The assessment does not consider impacts of increasing speeding mine traffic through the district threatening safety of local drivers and children in the village.
4. The extraction of 16 million tonnes per year of coal and increased movement of overburden will generate more dust. Residences in Wollar already have coal dust coating internal surfaces.
5. The assessment does not consider impacts of speeding mine traffic through the district threatening safety of local drivers and children in the village.
6. The assessment does not consider cumulative social impacts on the Wollar community, which include:
 - a. Loss of Wollar Bushfire Brigade with consequent increased vulnerability to emergencies.
 - b. Loss of families attending the local school.
 - c. Distortion of property market.
 - d. Ongoing acquisition of properties by Peabody Energy, which entity is now the largest local landholder.

Thank you

Paul Vale