

Paul Freeman - Stratford Coalmine Extension

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We wish to lodge our strong objection to the proposed extensions to the Stratford Coalmine.

We are NOT in favour of the proposed 24 hour operation.

We are also NOT in favour of the proposed opening of 3 new pits, which will encroach upon the Stratford Village and School.

We are concerned about the air quality which the residence and school children will be subjected to. There is much documented proof that minute dust particles can cause respiratory disease and complications.

The drinking water supply will also be affected. There is no town water supply, and with dust settling on roofs we are all going to ingest this coal dust in our water.

Noise levels are already significant depending on the prevailing wind and atmospheric conditions. The Processing Plant already operates 24 hours per day and is quite loud on some nights, prompting me to lodge complaints.

When we moved to Crowthers Road, Stratford 5 years ago, we were fully aware of the "boutique" mine that was already in operation here. We were of the understanding that the mine would be closing in 2013, and we believed that we would be able to live with that.

We now find that if the extensions to these pits are approved, we would have to endure this for at least another 11 years.

Our property valuations must be negatively affected, and I don't believe we would be able to sell our properties, even if we wanted to. Who is going to want to buy our properties with this mine being in such close proximity.

It is becoming a visual blight on this scenic rural valley.

If these extension of pits, and hours of operation, are approved the number of train movements will increase significantly to transport all this extra coal that is being mined.

I believe that the government has a duty of care for the health and wellbeing of the residence of this district, and I believe they will be derelict in their duty if they allow this mining to expand and continue.

I do hope that you will give our objections serious consideration.

Yours faithfully

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