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Subject: Stratford Mine expansion.

Dear Mr Freeman,

Re: Application Number SSD-4966.

My wife and I object to the further expansion of the Stratford mine. We live 5 km to the west of the mine, and since we arrived 6 yrs. ago, have experienced noise and airborne dust problems.

The noise at night is particularly disturbing and while just bearable at the moment as it does cease eventually. With the change to 24 hour mining activity including coal washing, we know that the noise will be incessant and intolerable. No one should have to put up with that. As the mine itself is planned to expand towards the south, the noise factor will be increasing for us as well.

Of particular concern for us is the "thump" and rattle of our windows when explosions take place. These have been in the early evenings at times although not recently. If the mine extends southwards, as proposed, this again will be a major disruption to our well being and life.

We have also been aware that dust settles on our house constantly. This is a black grime which my wife has to wipe from the clothes line. We have lived in the country in western NSW all our adult lives, but have never experienced this type of dust before. We now filter out drinking water for particulate matter and heavy metals. Undoubtedly this will become worse if the mine activity becomes a 24 hour activity, and if the mine itself expands.

We are sheltered from the direct effect of the lighting from Stratford mine at present, but with the expected expansion towards Craven, we know that this will be another intrusion and will be all night.

We submit that the Stratford mine application to extend its hours of operation should be rejected, and expansion of the mine should also be rejected.

We also submit that monitors of fine dust particles and chemistry should be installed in at least a 5 km radius from the mine now, and that noise monitors should also be installed.

Yours sincerely,

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