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“Strathmore”

Apple Tree Flat,

Jerry’s Plains. 2330.

1st May,2017.

Planning Department,

GPO Box 3415,

Sydney. 2001.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are concerned farmers & residents at Jerry’s Plains in the Singleton Shire Council area, with properties in Jerry’s Plains and at Apple Tree Flat.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment in objection to the Wambo Modification 17 – South Bates Extension.

Our property at Apple Tree Flat, where we live is situated in a valley, and is surrounded on three sides by the Wollemi Heritage National Park, and relies totally on a very reliable Underground Water Supply.

Our main concerns of this modification if it is approved are the cumulative impacts of this mine and others in the area.

1. Impact on Underground Aquifers.

The impact on the underground water, cannot sustain the draining of the aquifers that occurs from mining. In time we will all pay the supreme penalties when the aquifers are all destroyed. **Water is our greatest Resource NOT COAL.** We have already noticed a major decline in one of our licenced underground wells.

2. Impact of Subsidence.

With the further subsidence and the creek diversion of North Wambo Creek, and the associated alluvial aquifers of a combined impact will be too great.

The current commitments to address the long term subsidence impacts on Wambo Creek have not been fulfilled by Peabody Energy in the past.

3. Impacts on the World Heritage listed Wollemi National Park.

Rock falls and instability of the cliffs/mountains will be the result of the extension of the nine new long wall panels coming to within 120 metres of the park.

The extension of the Wambo South underground mine has already been approved, however that extension has not yet started. No need for this Modification.

This proposed Modification and other future mining proposals in the area all state that any potential impacts can be managed and will have no negative affects to the environment and to the community, however we feel these gold's are not achievable.

We have lived here for a very long time and the impacts are becoming greater. We feel that another mine modification/extension in the area will have major impacts on the environment, and communities will not be able to cope with current and future proposals.

If we want to protect this wonderful Hunter Valley of ours, it is now time for everyone to sit back and think about what is happening to this wonderful Valley and realize it's time to start saying no to these multinational companies that are destroying our environment, underground aquifers and landscape. Not to mention our health, Wambo mine releases large quantities of gas into the atmosphere that will most probably need to be flared.

Thank you for allowing us to put forward our objections to this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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