

Forest Lodge
BEN BULLEN NSW 2790
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Development Assessments Systems & Approvals
Planning & Infrastructure
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Application No's; MP 07 0127 MOD4
 DA 200-5-2003 MOD 2
 Proponent – Coalpac Pty Ltd
 Council Area – Lithgow

As you are aware Coalpac Pty Ltd is insolvent.

I object to the Coalpac Pty Ltd (Voluntary Administration)

Proposed for the following reasons;

- When Cullen Valley Mine (Felds mast) was approved company stated mine would go underground.
- Coalpac will still destroy a reasonable large area of native bush in the Ben Bullen state Forest for production of mainly poor quality coal.
- Other Mines in immediate area can supply the necessary coal to Mt Piper without the Coalpac open cut mines
- Coalpac was obviously selling coal to Mt Piper Power Station too cheaply to find them in this financial position.
- Coalpac signed a supply contract with Energy Australia until 2029 without planning approval
- Haulage of Coal between Cullen Valley and Invincible mines to Mt Piper on the Castlereagh Highway (increase Truck movements, mud on highway in wet periods)
- Blasting damage to houses and buildings in the Red Springs area. Company has just ignored complaints
- Cullen Valley Mines still has a subsurface heating problem.
- Noise – company has just ignored complaints in the past.
- Dust & Health Forest Lodge Property runs alongside the Wallerawang- Gwabegar rail line (Western side) and is very close to the open cut mine.

As we are full time Farmers and are outside the majority of the daylight hours most days we are subject to Dust (closest dust monitor is about 4 kms away to the north)

About two years ago the Bund wall along the railway was being constructed my Wife suffered an attack of Pleura-Pneumonia (this trouble is caused by Dust) and had to be put on an antibiotic drip at Lithgow Hospital for 5 days.

I have had major Heart Surgery in the last few years. No previous member of the family has had to have any operation of this nature.

Pacific Environment Ltd Report. Modeling figure 10-2 shows Forest Lodge property subject to Dust of 50 Ug/m which if near a receptor would be subject to acquisition with a larger area 25 Ug/m. As my Wife and I are outside working in the area we would like Coalpac to use their existing Crusher site, well away from people.

As the affected area is in Paddocks which are frequently used for Lambing and Calving of Heifers (Because it is handy to yards) my wife & myself have spent a lot of time in this area.

On Wednesday 16th April Messrs. ' Leisman & Goodwin are from Coalpac were good enough to take us to the proposed site of the Coal Crusher – dump they intend to install if approval is given

They assured us by placing the Coal crusher Etc. as shown in the EA was the best possible Position. By placing it in this position Forest Lodge Property would receive very little Noise and Dust? Better than where current Crusher is placed.

When approached regarding dust & noise monitors being placed on the property, they indicated provided the EPA agreed they would be quite happy to the installation of these On Forest Lodge. These would have to be placed in an acceptable position.

In view of our past Health issues we are still very concerned despite the assurance.

-Bond held by the Dept. of Primary Industry should be used for the rehabilitation without any further mining.

- Offset Area – Gulf mountain offset property 532HA is approx. 20Km (the way the crow flies) away from the mine. This Property is green timber and would not be able to be cleared under any circumstances.

I have never made any political Donations

Kind Regards

Reg Larkin