

SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS

Clause 13.5 – paragraph 8

This paragraph clearly states that any and all land can be mined if it is over a 'substantial coal reserve'. What hope is there for the rest of the Bulga area or the Hunter Valley if this application is approved.

Clause 12.1.3 – last dotpoint

Who were the actual recipients of the \$216,000,000? In the absence of finding the data, my guess is that most of this will be employees and would even include off-site management.

Clause 12.2.2

What will the land 'class' be after the coal mining has ceased?

Clause 13.2

How does MTW rehabilitate 32ha when only 30ha is supposed to be disturbed.

Clause 13.3

It is impossible for any organisation undertaking open-cut mining to have any environmental credentials. These statements only enhance a perception that ISO-14001 is merely a tool to legitimise environmental destruction.

Clause 13.5

How is 30 years 'long standing' when there has been nearly 200 years of agricultural activity to support the region?

Clause 13.4

Any increases should be measured against the current UNACCEPTABLE levels, not a blasé statement about comparative increases.

Clause ???

Why does the new 32ha of EEC have to be protected after approval of this application. Surely, if it warrants protection, this should be happening regardless of this process.

Clause ES2.2 – paragraph 3

It must be acknowledged, based on the words in the application, that there is a risk that the mine becomes unviable and MTW finish up. In this scenario, the 'benefit' is jobs for two years, while the costs include irreparable damage to Non-Disturbance Area 1 and the local community. Any benefit/cost analysis will show a result less than one, and therefore unviable.

Clause ES2.1

Destruction of 16ha of EEC – approval of the application will be the same as legalising a crime.

Clause ES4.5 paragraph 1

There is no definitive statement about groundwater impacts, such as 'based on results of previous groundwater modelling' and 'models were determined to be conservative'. If these statements have