

Mining and Industry Projects
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Objection to Airly Colliery modification 3 – extending the 162/91 consent for a year

I object strongly to the proposed Modifications to Consent for Airly Colliery for the following reasons-

- The current DA is over 20 years old and should not be extended.
- As a past member of the Airly SMC I am aware that the Company has had ample time to submit the new DA which they have been working on since about 2010. If this cannot be submitted the existing consent should be modified and not extended.
- The existing consent allows for up to 1.8 metres of subsidence. This is totally unacceptable. After detailed consultation during the period before the Mugii Murum-ban SCA was declared the Centennial gave assurances that this level of subsidence was unacceptable due to the values of the unique environment on Airly and Genowlan. Even though it is not proposed in Mod 3 to do more than 1st extraction what would be next? A Mod for full extraction and another extension of the existing DA?
- Other potential impacts are not addressed properly in the EA. These impacts include-
 - Discharging mine water into Airly Creek which runs into the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
 - Potential damage to the New Hartley Oil Shale Ruins
 - Potential contamination from waste and coal stockpiles.

I urge you not to allow this potentially disastrous modification to be approved. Centennial should submit their new DA or modify the existing consent, removing the allowance of 1.8 metres of subsidence.