

Mining and Industry Projects
NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission as an Objection - Airly Colliery DA 162/91 Modification 3
Existing Consent Conditions are Inappropriate

Though not a local resident (I live in Maitland) I have been visiting Mt. Airly and the historic village for many years. I feel that this is an asset is of huge value to the local community, as it is accessible to almost everyone via the track now known as the Tramway Trail, within Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area. This fantastic walk is accessible to almost everyone, with nature, wonderful views and historic heritage all in the one location. It would be a crime if access and safety while visiting the Mt. Airly area should be compromised by mine subsidence which seems only too likely a scenario.

Though Centennial Coal assures us that subsidence will be minimal however they continue to operate under the existing out-dated 1991 conditions so they can legally drop the ground level by up to 1.8 metres which will potentially cause cliff collapses and subsidence. Our access will then be blocked indefinitely for safety reasons, and natural and scenic values will be lost for all time.

I agree with the World Heritage Advisory Committee recommendation that the Airly-Genowlan mesas should be added to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area once mining has been completed.

The coal heaps which are now visible from Glen Davis Road and from Pearson's Lookout are an eyesore and should be covered to control acid run-off that will affect local waterways.

Because in these very dry times water is, and will continue to be, a big issue, the colliery waste water should not be allowed to pollute the local waterways which run into the Gardens of Stone National Park, and into Capertee Valley.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,

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