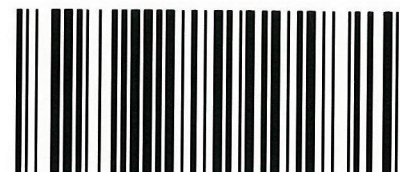


DOPI SUB: OBJECTION TO AIRLY COLLIERY PROPOSAL MOD 3
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission as an objection – Airly Colliery DA 162/91 Modification 3

Existing Consent Conditions are now inappropriate

1. The 1991 development consent is out of date and inappropriate. It lacks the necessary environmental safeguards for coal mining in a State Conservation Area. This consent should either be refused or varied to specify that mine subsidence must not occur.
2. Subsidence under the 1991 development consent of 1.8 metres is totally unacceptable. **There must be no exceptions to the following limits: vertical subsidence maximum 125 mm, a maximum tilt of 2.5mm/m; and a maximum strain of 2.0mm/m.**
3. The **historic oil shale ruins** are of special significance. It is one of the best preserved heritage sites of its kind in NSW. I oppose any coal mining that does not fully protect these Oil Shale Ruins from any form of coal pillar extraction.
4. I agree with the World Heritage Advisory Committee that the **Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area** should be added to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area once mining has been completed.
5. Visually prominent waste and product heaps must be appropriately screened and landscaped to blend in with surrounding parks and popular tourist destinations in the Capertee Valley such as the newly sealed sharp pinch at Pearson's Lookout.
6. I am concerned about the failure to consider downstream impacts on the World Heritage Area in the Modification 3 proposal. Operations so proposed can discharge water pollution into Airly Creek impacting on the Gardens of Stone National Park, part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
7. **Reverse osmosis water treatment** of the effluent from Airly Colliery to remove all salts and dissolved metals **must be required for any discharge to a World Heritage Listed property.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Yours sincerely

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