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RE: SUBMISSION as an Objection – Airly Ciolliery DA 162/91 Modification 3

To whom it may concern:

We have been land holders and rate payers of the Capertee Valley for over 25 years. We reside here on a part time basis our property that overlooks Genowlan Mountain to enjoy the peace and serenity, unspoiled views of the magnificent valley renown worldwide for its views and bird life. We enjoy the flowing pristine creek that cascades through our property that until the last few years, had in living memory never stopped running.

We would like as retirees that have worked hard, paid taxes, and served our country at war, to continue to enjoy the place we call home, the place that my father called home.

WE IMPORE THE MINISTER TO LIST AS A CONDITION OF THE AIRLY GENOWLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR AIRLY MINE TO GUARANTEE:

1. WATER: **The water quantity and quality, to all properties along the Genowlan, Emu and Coco Creeks. Our farms need these creeks for survival. It's not just the mines that want to survive.** The mine seems to be in denial that the extraction of water on their behalf will have no effect on the flow of Genowlan and Emu Creeks. It will! And believe that it already has had an impact.
2. VISUAL: **Not to interfere with the visual enjoyment of all residents of the Capertee Valley, to guarantee not to expose the coal so that it is visible from any road. Not to destroy the visual and environmental value of Genowlan Mountain.(The minister should take a trip to this world renown Mountain environment before a decision is made, and be taken by community representatives not the mines)**
3. NOISE: **Minimal or no noise, we want to hear the birds when we listen, not the drone of machinery, already we are hearing the rumble just a few short kilometres from Airly Mine.**
4. ENVIRONMENT: **It frightens me what will happen if Airly get the development for Genowlan Mountain, which is the life blood of Genowlan Creek. The Grotto is a magnificent natural environment not found elsewhere in this country.**
5. PROPERTY VALUE: **Make the mine purchase a buffer zone around the development area of Genowlan Mountain. Because it will affect our property values.**

We are **not** against the mine, but they as well as we must be good neighbours, they must respect what we have and where we live. We don't want the mine to just throw money at the community to "keep them happy" we see that in so many communities, we want them to step up, and be accountable for the impact they have on their community. We are retirees, we can't fight these mines nor do we want to but we need our elected representatives to stand up for us as Australian Citizens and keep these foreign investors honest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

We hope someone listens

