

Mining and Industry Projects

NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure

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Dear, Sir/Madam

Submission as an Objection –Airy Colliery DA 162/91 Modifications 3 Existing Consent Conditions are inappropriate.

This general area is of significant national environmental importance and even has world heritage values as such the 1991 development consent is out of date as it lacks the necessary environmental safeguards for coal mining in a State Conservation Area, therefore this medication proposal to extend the consent should be either refused or varied to specify almost undetectable levels of surface movements, that is mine subsidence.

The Subsidence under the 1991 development consent of 1.8 is unacceptable for this sensitive historic area; there should not be any exceptions to the following limits: vertical subsidence being a maximum of 125mm, a maximum tilt of 2.5mm/m and a maximum strain of 2.0mm/m.

The historic Oil Shale Ruins are of significant value and is one of the best preserved heritage sites of its kind in NSW. I strongly object to any coal mining that does not protect these historic ruins from various forms of coal pillar extraction.

I fully support the view of the World Heritage Advisory Committee that the Mugii Murum-ban SCA should be added to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area once mining has been completed.

It is very important visually prominent waste and product heaps are landscaped to blend with the surrounding area of parks and tourist destinations in the Capertee Valley.

There are also major concerns that the failure to consider downstream impacts on the world heritage area in the Modifications 3 proposal operations that can discharge water pollutions into Airly Creek. These discharges would impact on the Gardens of Stone National Park, part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

There must be an extensive reverse osmosis water treatment of the effluent from Airly Colliery to remove all materials before any discharge to a World Heritage listed property.

Yours sincerely

  
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