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The Secretary
The Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Ms McNally,

RE: Objection to Drayton South Coal Project Application Number : SSD6875

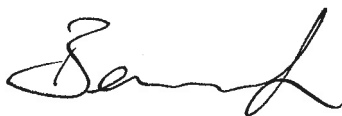
I write as a concerned resident and business owner, to object to the second application by Anglo American for the Drayton South open cut coal Proposal.

Although I travel extensively I have lived in the Hunter Valley my entire life, and believe a more beautiful place does not exist. I understand that coal has been part of the Hunter Valley for a long time, and I believe it will remain so for the foreseeable future. However the downside risks with this particular project to the surrounding land, water and human resources are in my mind extensive and irreversible.

I believe that the transition of the Hunter Valley economy, from mining back to more traditional means of production such as agriculture, viticulture, equine and tourism, should be supported. I believe that the structural decline of coal as a source of energy for the world is real, and I believe that as new technologies are embraced the importance of coal for base load power will diminish over time. Supporting this project will serve only to hinder the transition of an already fragile economy away from coal.

I respectfully ask that you register my objection to this Proposal, and consider my objection when assessing the appropriateness of the Drayton South open cut coal Proposal.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Hodges
Director