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The Secretary
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Dear Ms McNally

Re: Objection to Drayton South Coal Project Application Number: SSD 6875

I am writing as a concerned resident of Jerrys Plains to object to the second application by Anglo American for the Drayton South open coal mine project.

My husband Richard is employed at Coolmore as an agricultural manager. His responsibilities include the management of the commercial cattle herd on the farm, fencing, maintenance of agricultural vehicles and earthworks. Richard's family have been living in the Muswellbrook area for over 50 years.

I am a full time mum looking after our 2 children. We all live on Coolmore Stud and have called this place our home for the past 4 years. I have lived in Jerrys Plains for 25 years and our children are fourth generation to go through Jerrys Plains Public School. My family have lived in this district for over 80 years.

I am very worried about the health of our children as I don't believe the cumulative impacts of mining in our area have been adequately measured. Our eldest daughter suffers from asthma and we are concerned for her ongoing health if another mine goes ahead in such close proximity.

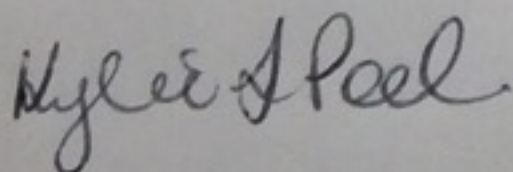
We are concerned the water flow to the farm is already under stress. The stretch of the Hunter River which flows through the farm has progressively deteriorated particularly in the past 5 years. I remember swimming in the river as a child and it's not something I'd let my own children do.

We are already concerned at the amount of heavy mining vehicles which pass by our driveway each day, I can not understand how this stretch of the Golden Highway will handle any more heavy vehicles.

We are extremely distressed at the idea of the Drayton South mine going ahead as I feel it will jeopardise our job security, our home and our children's future.

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

Yours sincerely,



Kylie & Richard Peel