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The Secretary  
The Department of Planning & Environment  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

I am writing to object to the above project.

My wife and I were married last year in July and Julie moved from Manly to Scone to give our children the opportunity to grow up in a country environment.

I currently work at Coolmore Stud in the Sales department and Julie works as a General Practitioner at the Scone Medical Centre and will commence on call rotation at the Scone hospital shortly.

Julie has been working as a GP for the past 10 years in Scone for the past 2 years. She enjoys her job thoroughly and feels she has been able to contribute to the close knit community bringing her extensive skills and knowledge to the GP practice. She is trained in O&G and recently completed her masters in dermatology and minor surgical procedures. She has recently started work in the local hospital as a VMO and has admitting rights to the hospital adding to patient care within Scone.

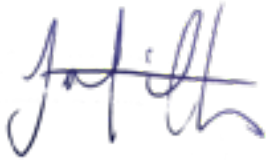
We chose Scone because of the healthy environment and the life style it affords. We are both from rural backgrounds and enjoy being a part of a local community and being active members within it. Our children attend local schools and are involved in various community groups.

The mine doesn't only threaten the continuation of two of the the world's most widely recognised horse studs but also the families and employees who work there. Should the mine go ahead we may have to relocate to Sydney. Not only will that see another young family leave the Hunter region but also another GP exiting a rural post.

We are currently renting a house in Scone, and have put our desire to purchase a family home on hold pending a decision on the mine.

I believe the Drayton South Mine will have an incredibly negative effect on the surrounding industries, not especially limited to the horse studs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. McGrath'.

Shane & Julie McGrath