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

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

I am writing as a concerned landholder and prior resident to object to the second application by Anglo American for the Drayton South open coal mine project.

My reasons for objecting to this proposal are as follows:

Health issues linked to the dust produced from this project. The current and future costs of directly linked health issues are significant in the Hunter region with the population base living so close to mining activities.

The impact this mining proposal will have on neighbouring industries and community. The wine and thoroughbred industries are key employers in the region and the project is right across the road from the two biggest studs and the Hollydene winery. This will have flow on effects to the other producers and the community in the region.

The impact on sustainable long term agriculture and other long term development at a time when the Hunter Valley and region is requiring diversification of employment and land use for the future.

The impact on water use and maintaining quality of water. The Hunter River and tributaries are an invaluable resource to all land use now and into the future.

Lack of scientific evidence that the land can be returned to sustainable agricultural use or sustainable industry post the mining project.

The detrimental impact on tourism numbers due to the visual along the Golden Highway as well as the lack of diversification of other tourism related industry, due to the presence of mining.

The international community is making a call for sustainable clean energy to reduce carbon emissions and yet Australia continues to increase the footprint of coal mining. Australia is under a question mark as to when the real time migration from coal to other sustainable energies will occur. Every coal mine extension that is approved and every new mine that is approved reinforces the lack of foresight by Australia on an international level, for the 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,
Sophie Frazer