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The Secretary
Re Drayton South new mine
The Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Secretary

I object to the proposed Drayton South new mine.

Whilst I work for Darley educating horses, the mining issue is something I have been following independently of Darley.

I cannot understand how the governments and departments allow this continued and ongoing encroachment and eventual swamping over the top of really valuable agricultural land and thoroughbred studs.

It is relentless; the uncertainty is never ending and draining on the community and my team I work with. Personally, I cannot see how another open cut mine will not impact on health of not just horses but people.

How do we know what the real impact is going to be with yet another new mine like Drayton South. One Kilometre away is hardly a safe and tolerable distance for anyone. I would not want to work or live on Woodlands farm and expose my family to this threat.

When will it stop. When will we have confidence in our jobs and industry that will not be under constant threat from the mines. The constant squeeze on us is ongoing and will weaken our industry. The mining industry also need certainty of where they can and can't set up.

I can only see environmental destruction when I travel the roads between home and Cessnock and the studs.

When will the government put a stop to all this mining uncertainty and impact on us. A new mine at my home and work doorstep is not something I believe can be tolerated by anyone. A new mine at Woodlands can only be negative for all the families that live and work onsite and for Darley in the long run, not neutral or positive.

Thank you for your time.

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