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

Dear Ms McNally

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

As a concerned resident, business owner and landholder in the Upper Hunter Valley, I thank you for the opportunity to oppose the 2nd application by Anglo American for the Drayton South open cut coal mine project.

For the past 35 years my family and I have owned properties at Scone in the Upper Hunter Valley. Our business is agisting and breeding racehorses plus preparing and selling yearlings. We have a client base from many overseas countries including New Zealand, USA, Singapore as well as most Australian States. The broodmares residing at Riversdale are taken to be served by various stallions in the Hunter Valley after foaling and then returned to our farm where they are reared. Two of our major sources of stallions to service our mares are Coolmore and Darley which are situated in close proximity to Drayton South open cut coal mine.

Both these studs have publically announced that there is a strong possibility that they will relocate if the Drayton South proposal is approved.

If this happens, it would impact so heavily on our business that we probably would not survive.

Our entire income is derived from our business and we recently, with the help of our bank, purchased a neighbouring property to enhance our operation. We employed 15 people in the last financial year and sold several million dollars worth of mares and yearlings at 2015 sales.

Admittedly we are only a small business but there are hundreds of small businesses like ours who make an honest living and pay taxes, from the thoroughbred industry and who will be impacted if this development gets approval.

Four generations of the Hodges family have made their home in the Upper Hunter Valley and it breaks my heart to see our beautiful valley destroyed by this highly pollutive industry.

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

Yours sincerely,



Alison Hodges