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The Secretary
The Department of Planning & Environment
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Via email: matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms McNally

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

I am writing as a concerned business manager to object to the second application by Anglo American for the Drayton South open coal mine project.

Scone Race Club is one of the strongest country racing clubs in NSW and uniquely holds a stand alone metropolitan race carnival each year in May. This two day race carnival brings many people to the region and has an enormous impact on local businesses with accommodation venues full as well as pubs, restaurants etc. Prize money distributed to owners over the two days is almost \$2m and is important to a very strong industry which employs around 56,000 people in NSW. Scone is termed the horse capital of Australia which is well founded when considering the amount of high quality thoroughbred breeding operations in the area. If the Dayton South Coal Project goes ahead and it impacts severely on the ability of the many studs in the area to operate, they may leave the area. This would have a catastrophic effect on our business as the Studs support enables us to hold the stand alone meeting.

The affect on the environment, in particular water quality, will be further diminished and it will be felt in the region for this generation and following generations.

The impact on tourism is strongly felt and much reputational damage is being done to the Hunter Valley which will be the case if the South Drayton Coal Project goes ahead.

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

Sarah Wills