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Quirindi 2343
New South Wales

19 June 2015

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

Dear Ms Mc Nally,

Re: Objection to Drayton South Coal Project Application Number: SSD68751

I am writing as a concerned business owner, farmer and horse breeder to object to the second application by Anglo American for the Drayton South open cup coal mine project.

As a thoroughbred horse breeder my business relies of close proximity to well bred stallions, spelling and breeding facilities.

For well over one hundred years, my family has been relying on this area in the Hunter Valley. During this time we have been successful at racing, breeding and trading of thoroughbreds. We have won listed and group races and without the access to the quality breeding stock, and proper equine services this would not have been possible.

My family, like many families in the region, relies on the thoroughbred industry for the economic prosperity of the region. The world-class breeding and veterinary facilities available here are only viable because there is enough local business to support this level of investment.

Racehorses are bred for speed and, like any athlete, it important they have clean air and water, should this development be permitted I am confident that the thoroughbred industry in the Hunter valley will face extinction.

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 Faithfully

Timothy Duddy