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Subject: Objection to Drayton South Project SSD 6875
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The Secretary
Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Ms McNally,

I write in consequence of a second application to extend the Drayton South Mine.

I have lived in the Upper Hunter all of my life being 6th generation. My family lived for many years at Jerrys Plains and moved from there into Singleton. My husband and I have three children, two still live and work in Singleton. We have five grandchildren all attending local schools. My husband and I have been raising local trade cattle since January 1970 and have run a vineyard operation growing premium grapes since 1998.

My Concerns Are:

1. Water degradation
2. Visual Impacts - open cut mines are an eyesore
3. Extra demands on infrastructure
4. Traffic volumes and consequent deterioration of roads
5. Air quality from diesel burnt in engines
6. Dust - mines cannot manage their dust impacts - massive spoil dumps that spew dust
7. All we hear about is employment but there is no guarantee that existing numbers will continue
8. Economically the horse industry contributes far more to the economy than any mine can - I justify this in reference to the horse influenza epidemic and the widespread effect that it had in all of the industries that are supported by racing and breeding

I ask that you register my objection to this proposal and give serious consideration to my concerns with respect to this application.

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