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

Dear Ms McNally,

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

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

I object to this proposal because of the impact to the thoroughbred industry. I breed cattle and grow hay which I supply to the thoroughbred industry in the Hunter Valley. I am extremely concerned that the thoroughbred industry will significantly scale back their operations in the Upper Hunter Valley if the Drayton South project goes ahead.

If the thoroughbred industry is diminished in this area it would have a detrimental effect on my business.

My family have been primary producers in the Scone area since 1837. We have been growing cattle and sheep on an ongoing basis. This area is an important food growing area for Australia which continues to be negatively impacted with the expansion of the coal mining industry.

The coal industry has had a detrimental effect on our air quality, the underground water source, the land and even our fences and equipment rust due to the particles in the air.

I also do not understand with the serious issues surrounding global warming how we can continue to expand the coal mining industry. Shouldn't we be getting smarter and restricting the growth of the coal industry?

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

Yours sincerely,

Katherine Brooks (nee McPhee)  
Scone

