

[REDACTED]

14 June 2015

The Secretary
Objecting to new Drayton South Mine
The Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001
(On-line submission)

Objection to the new mine proposal for Drayton South

My husband and I live and work in Muswellbrook and Aberdeen.

We are writing to express our concern regarding the cumulative health impacts and damage and changes to our environment. We no longer live in a rural clean setting.

Our thoroughbred breeding and training neighbour has been pushed out by the mines.

We are concerned about the thick layers of dust settling and the impact on our foals – inhalation and ingestion. At times we have had to ring the mines to stop their blasting in winds because of our concerns when foaling. We have 22 horses, a cross section of age.

Our children suffer from chronic asthma, but the jury is out regarding dust pollution impacts? I believe the singleton community and Dr Au have undertaken case study work indicating coal dust influence and impact on our health.

We enjoy our mining community friends and the community of Muswellbrook however we do not like seeing our community become divisive or mono character – we are losing our vineyards and dairy up here. Stud names have all been absorbed or abandoned, trying to sell around us – such as Carrington, Dalama, Balmoral, Yarramalong, Fairways, Rosehill, Overdene, Aluinn, River ridge.

We need to maintain our diversity. If Coolmore and Darley are impacted by this new mine the current thriving horse industry will be weakened, losing employment opportunities and diversity and tourism draw card. We – our small businesses are all

interconnected in the thoroughbred industry. It should not be a case of one industry pushing out another such as the studs, vineyards, and tourism. Certainty needs to be given to all these industries including mining.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]