

Further to the above:- Premier Baird has removed our right to go directly to the Land and Environment Court and argue our case on Merit Appeal. Baird has removed that legal right from every community fighting coal or gas in NSW. This is outrageous and at the very least undemocratic.

Confidential draft conditions circulating through Planning Dept of "second workings" of coal seams meaning further and greater subsidence over time

Senior Office of Env. And Heritage (OEH) diverted plans to have an air monitor installed at Wyee and placed in an out-of-influence area at Wyong Racecourse thereby distorting air quality readings for the region. Appendix C from the consultants (pages 2 and 3) says

"Fugitive emissions can be expected during operation from loading stockpile to conveyor, wind erosion and maintenance of stockpiles and from upcast ventilation shafts"

5270 cubic metres per year of semi-solid salt waste for at least 14 years into underground storage and capacity and salty brine discharges into the Wallarah Creek system and OEH have grave concerns about the " ultimate fate of the supersaturated salt solution remains unclear"

The consultant's(MER) suggestion that "after more than 500 years,water levels in the workings (in the Jilliby Creek/Wyong creek catchment)are predicted to have recovered(and not be of concern)" reads like a Jules Verne novel.

The Mine Subsidence Board accepts only about a quarter of claims over the last ten years and will fight any great expense claimed by those who suffer subsidence. Also only the house itself is covered, while sheds,fences pools etc are exempt from claims.

Walarah 2 have failed continually to consult with any of the people directly affected by the proposal. They have failed to hold any open public meeting explaining the project

Walarah 2 have failed to bring to the public any concept drawing of the new conveyor system and loading facility near Blue Haven.