

"The Director General"
The Department of Planning and Infrastructure
23-33 Bridge St
SYDNEY, NSW, 2000

18th November 2012

Dear Sir,

I'm writing this letter regarding the proposal of the "COAL MINES". If this goes ahead we will be "DEVASTATED"

We have a beautiful little country retreat, located in Forbesdale on 10 acres. My wife & I are retirees and purchased our block of land 20yrs ago, knowing that when I did retire my wife and I & our family would have a beautiful little country retreat to come up to, as we live in Sydney. Over the time we have built a lovely little cottage, and I have a beautiful garden with lots of fruit trees. I have had so much enjoyment making my little country retreat "My Dream".

My wife & I and our family frequently come up here and have so much fun. It's such a lovely place. My grand-daughter loves coming here, as she sees the beautiful "Country Side"- Farm animals, Fauna and wildlife as she wouldn't get to see in Sydney.

My wife & I both have major health issues. I have had "prostate cancer" & other issues ongoing and my wife has "Breast Cancer", Lung issues & other health concerns. Gloucester is the only little place we look forward to coming up to, to get away from drs appt, because of our health. "It's Our Retreat"

If the mines were to go ahead this would be a major concern for us, as the traffic would increase dust & pollution in the air and the beautiful Country atmosphere would change "Forever".

It would be devastating for us to have to sell "Our dream country retreat" but we would have no choice as we would not be able to keep coming up here because of our health conditions and what the mines & pollution would cause & do to us & our health. We are very concerned.

If we were to sell, we would expect to get "FULL MARKET VALUE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY", before the mines proposal was first established.

Forbesdale is a lovely little country community. It's so peaceful & has such a loving atmosphere. Residents have lived here all their lives and this would devastate them.

My Concerns is that "Forbesdale" will be destroyed the community spirit will die & health issues will arise.

Please consider this request as you to, will retire one day and you may want you "dream Country Retreat", just like we did, as my wife & I have worked hard all our lives. Please don't destroy our "DREAMS".

I really appreciate your time.

Kindest Regards

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