



26 April 2013

The Director
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SSD-4975, Watermark Coal Project

On behalf of NSW Farmers Association Gunnedah District Council, I would like to have this letter acknowledged as a submission to the above Shehua Watermark Coal Project. Our members are all landholders within the Liverpool Plains, some of whom will be directly adversely affected if this project is approved.

This project will have significant negative impacts to our businesses, our communities and our region.

Some of the concerns of our members include:

- Adverse effects on our water resources. This includes concerns regarding the erosion of recharge zones; contaminated water being released from sedimentary dams; reduction of catchment flows.
- Destruction of ecology of over 4,000ha of vegetation over the life of the current mine proposal.
- Removal of koala's from their local habitat
- Destruction of local aboriginal heritage
- Excessive dust that will be emitted from the project will have a large negative financial impact on local farmers, particular those who grow cotton to which colour distortion is heavily penalised.
- Decrease in quality of life for residents of Breeza, due to the increased industrialisation of their community, and greatly increased noise.

In addition, the NSW Farmers Association Gunnedah District Council supports the Caroona Coal Action Group's (CCAG's) submission regarding the SSD-4975 Watermark Coal Project.

Thankyou for your consideration of our members' concerns.

Kind regards

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