

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

The Mary's Mount Protection Alliance (MMPA) was formed by a group of concerned residents situated in proximity to "Kahlua" Coal Seam Gas project on the Goolhi Road 30km west of Gunnedah in New South Wales. The purpose of MMPA is to protect our water, our agricultural industry, our flora and fauna, our property values and our property rights.

Our members are concerned that Watermark Coal Project will have adverse impacts on all of the aspects that we are committed to protecting.

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, particularly those who grow cotton to which colour distortion is heavily penalised.
- Decrease in quality of life for residents, due to the increased industrialisation of their community, and greatly increased noise.

In addition, the Marys Mount Protection Alliance Inc (MMPA) 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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Chair
Marys Mount Protection Alliance Inc