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Attention: Director Mining and Industry Projects
Re: Watermark Coal Mine
App No.: SSD – 4975, Watermark Coal Project

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I am a resident of Breeza and object to the Shenhua Watermark Coal Mine.

We came to Breeza in 1983 with the full intention to live out our life here because this is what we want. Now we feel like a threatened species. It is making our life anxious. No longer can we hope for a healthy, peaceful and quiet life. We also feel threatened by dust; contaminated dust on our roof which will wash into our tanks that is used for drinking, cooking and hot water. We use the rain water in the hot water system as it does not damage the pipes and system. We also worried about our bore water. This water is used for toilet flushing, washing and gardens. We grow a lot of our own vegetables and have a nice variation of fruit trees. Five different fruits; nut, pecan and grape vines as well as lawn, flowers, ornamental trees and shrubs. If these bores drop or are contaminated by salt or chemicals we will lose our garden as it will be impossible to survive without a good supply of bore water.

Then there is the Mooki River; a contaminated little stream you say. It is not! I have taken my grandchildren to swim and play in it for years with no contamination. I would like to be able to take my great grandchildren to do the same. We also fish in the river. My family enjoyed a yellow belly from the Mooki for Easter 2013. There are turtles, shrimp, crays and carp all well and healthy.

The noise from the diesel engines is also a concern. We are aware that Low Frequency Noise (ILFN) can cause cardiovascular, psychological problems and stress. During construction and mining, operations are 24 hours; 7 days a week therefore there this is a concern for the Breeza residents as this noise will be constant.

Then there is the extra traffic on roads that are not in good shape now. Extra trains with their diesel fumes and coal dust. My husband and I both came here because the air is clean. I seldom get asthma now which I suffered prior to coming to Breeza. My husband has a lung problem that we are afraid will be made much worse due to the unclean air. We get a lot of west and south west winds which will bring your dust over our home.

So you can see your mine will and is causing us a lot of anxiousness.

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