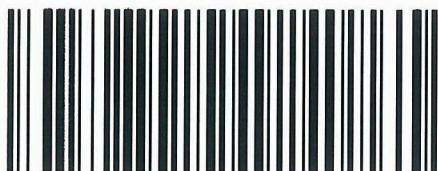


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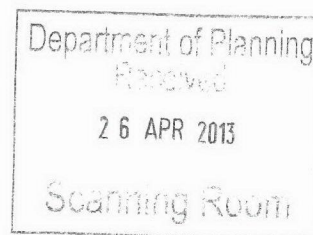


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Attention:  
Director, Mining and Industry Projects

Sir,



I wish to present my very strong objections to Shenhua Watermark EIS.  
I have not made a donation to a political party and I agree with the privacy policy.

If not for insatiable greed, energy and power could be produced with minimal harm or damage to man or land form. A mine, the enormity Shenhua proposes would create catastrophic consequences, man or science at this time cannot predict the recovery or even if ever. (the earth has been billions of years evolving) B.H.P. Billiton is the next company wanting a lease then all the other companies as in the Hunter Valley which is nearly dead from pollution for food production, forcing farmers, dairy farmers, graziers and market gardeners to exit the area.

Why are the thoroughbred horse owners concerned about their stocks health and own viability and the vigneron's their future?

Why are so many children in the Singleton area, one in six, suffering lung problems and asthma? Why is the Singleton rate of illness 22% higher than any other town in New South Wales?

In 30 years time Shenhua predicts exiting this venture and returning the mine site to an acceptable landscape? A 100 hectare void would cost the company \$438 million dollars to regenerate, this void of 80 metres depth would continually hold toxic poisonous water to seep where? Eventually into the rivers to the mouth of the Murray River? Which could be thousands of years of toxins flowing down that system. Shenhua very kindly offers to leave this western mining highwall area in place for future coal extraction being the most appropriate outcome. TO WHOM ? !!

In the Watermark project summary so many steps would be taken and developed in future to counteract any mistakes or blunders, as well as all the most stringent conditions that would accompany the licence to mine from the generous government to cover every conceivable oversight in the approval, would be policed by whom? !! How are the public to know all the safeguards are being adhered to? A lot of people objected and suffered because of wrong happenings in Tiananmen Square, memories are not that short. Deception and demanding secrecy amongst neighbours, CEOs standing at your front door saying if you don't sell this property to us we will mine under you!!! Is Shenhua's practice of good business as a Chinese government company?

If a licence to mine is granted to Shenhua, BHP Billiton or any other mining company on the magnificent Liverpool Plains of the Namoi Valley, those responsible for granting the licences will be greedily thinking entirely of their own back pocket and not of the hundreds of generations of people of the future who will want what we now so richly enjoy, pure air, pure water and pure food to live healthily.

Over the past six years or so this community has been fighting to protect the purity of this valley, has found the word of Shenhua and BHP Billiton means nothing. Shenhua now admits it will interfere with the water supplies. The population is expected to explode by the end of this century. People have to be fed on less land use and less water. When will the government wake up? The answer to mining this area is unmistakably obvious.

There is nothing made on this planet that does not originally evolve from earth and water, the only two requirements to sustain civilisation, so why, why are they not protected above all else?

Thank you

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