

## **OBJECTION TO MOUNT OWEN MINE COMPLEX EXPANSION - ENVIRONMENTAL**

We **OBJECT** to **DA 14-1-2004** in its entirety for the ecological impact it will have upon existing wildlife. We live in a very pristine and well balanced ecology. We have frogs, marsupials, birds, an abundance of estuary life in the creek that are all facing some form of impact from this expansion. Pollutant of the waterway is a major concern from redirected storm water and contaminated run off. Redirection of natural creeks will see habitat lost for many species.

We **OBJECT** to any impact that the noise, dust and blasting may have upon our livestock and crops. Dust settling on fodder and water troughs is of concern. Reduced yield of crops from dust collection on leaves or increased water consumption to keep dust off and troughs clean is all extra expense and time to the landholder. We do not want to see a decline in our agricultural ventures from the impact of mining.

As more land is lost to mining and Glencore purchases new land around our area the control of wild animals and weeds needs to be addressed and maintained by them on these properties. Wild dogs have already been reported coming from Mount Owen site and baiting and other forms of eradication programs need to be implemented and continued.

We **OBJECT** to our quality of life being destroyed by the Mount Owen Complex Expansion. The ramifications for Middle Falbrook and its unique environment are catastrophic. When this expansion goes ahead Middle Falbrook will be an unbearable place to live.