

## **OBJECTION TO THE MOUNT OWEN COMPLEX EXPANSION - COMMUNITY**

We **OBJECT** to this expansion on the grounds that Glencore have failed to consult with and keep all the community informed. We had no prior knowledge of the affect that this expansion was going to have upon us until information came to light from a private resident who had been approached for voluntary acquisition. The exhibition disc I viewed for the first time on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and was informed that submission closed Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015 leaving me only 8 days to submit.

We have been a private residence at this current address since Decemeber 2013 and have never received any correspondence from Glencore ie. Community Newsletters, notices of CCC meetings, mine open days. A local resident engaged with Vicki McBride, Approval Manager, Mount Owen Continued Operations on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 to organise a meeting which took place 6pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015. At this meeting Vicki McBride informed us that she had visited twice but no one was home and she did not leave a business card or any information to advise us of her visit.

It has become very clear that Glencore have no interest in our opinion or wellbeing.

We **OBJECT** to this expansion and the impact it will have upon our community. Many homes within the area are already owned by Glencore and most are currently rented. As the expansion moves forward most of these rental homes will be uninhabitable due to health and environmental change seeing the number of residence in the area decline. Three private houses on the Middle Falbrook road are already marked for possible acquisition leaving only a small number of landholders in the area.

We **OBJECT** to the use of Middle Falbrook Road by all Glencore workers and contractors. This road is not designed for heavy traffic flow. It has no pavement edgelines , limited centrelines and no night lighting. The access onto and off Middle Falbrook Bridge is tight and vision obstructed. There is a sharp right hand turn at the bottom of the hill that is also the access driveway for Lot 1064 which currently has 23 residents living on it. Residents will be impacted by traffic noise and fumes.

Hunter Valley Buses have two school runs between 7:30-9am and 3-4:30pm 5 days a week. From the intersection of Glennies Creek Road to the Middle Falbrook Bridge 15 children catch the bus. Glencore have already set precedence at Mangoola Mine and Ulan on road usage for workers and as the construction phase ramps up on Ravensworth East there will be more vehicles using this road to access the Hunterview side of Singleton. It is only a matter of time before an incident occurs as back roads are not designed for excessive traffic.