

Department of planning and infrastructure

Sydney

5<sup>th</sup> March 2015

To whom it may concern

I would like to take this opportunity to submit an application of **OBJECTION** to the proposed **Mt. Owen mine extension project (The North Pit Continuation)**.

We (Fredrick and Lyndell Upward along with Wayne Small) reside at lot 17A (1064 middle Falbrook Road Glennies Creek Singleton) which is approximately 575 acres which is on 3 separate land titles all adjoined by a number of fence lines, and there is also two residential dwellings with many sheds and farming equipment, I (Fredrick Upward) have lived on this property for 65 years and my wife (Lyndell Upward) has lived here with me for approximately 40 years, this property has been in the Upward name for 80+ years.

**Our Objections are as follows:**

- Our home is over 30 years old our concern is that once Mt. Owen mine starts the continuation project the dust will increase greatly within and around our home, currently we experience reasonable amounts of dust that settles in our window sills within the home and outside furniture and back verandah gets layers of dust settling on them and requires very regular cleaning due to this but this is only the dust we can see, we have concerns with the amount of dust that would be settling on the roof and guttering that could end up inside our tank. We have had members from Mt. Owen mine visit our home a few years ago and we showed these members the extent of dust that exists around our home.
- We (Fredrick and Lyndell) are both asthmatic and many other medical conditions our concern is that if the dust increases greatly that we would become more heavily reliant on asthma medication and other medications due the airborne dust particles as we both spend a great portion of the day outside.
- We (Fredrick and Lyndell) also have concerns for the affects that the blasting will have on our home once the continuation projects starts as our home sits on solid rock on some occasions now and previously we have felt the effects of blasting and with Mt. Owen moving closer this could become a regular occurrence and could possibly affect the structural integrity of our home and our concrete tank.
- We (Fredrick and Lyndell) also have concerns for the increase of noise level of continuation project with the addition of the new railway loop as it stands now on a still night we have heard noises coming from the mine and from trains on the existing tracks blasting their horn so once the mine becomes closer this could possibly happen on a much larger scale from not only the truck but from the train blasting it's horn whilst being on the new loop.

We had a meeting with Mt. Owen mine and umwelt on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 and informed them of the above objections and concerns.

Kind Regards

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