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RE: WESTERN COAL SERVICES PROJECT – SSD 5579 MODIFICATION 2

I object and equally oppose to this modification as with the entire project in Blackmans Flat, Lithgow. This location is not acceptable and the entire operations should be relocated to an area where there is at least a 5 to 10 klm radius from neighbouring residential communities.

I don't think I need to say anymore when you look at the image below and years and years of previous submission and approvals. Tell me how this is inclusive of everyone that lives here. It already impacts on our waterway has done for years, impacts on dust, noise, coal fines. It is not acceptable or balanced planning; cumulative impacts still remain. Yes, it provides jobs and contributes to the economy, but, yet again the average person who owns a home here loses every day when approvals given. A home is all most people have. May I remind you again that there have been at least 2 subdivisions within close proximity of Western Coal Services, with the likelihood of more sub-division. Hence again I repeat Western Coal Services should move its operations to a more suitable location.

Whilst there may has been a review of noise exceedances this still does not adequately represent noise exceedances on any given day. The averaging out of a week, month or a year is absurd, totally disagree with this reporting as it does not relate to real time, real living. You come here in on a day when the wind direction carries noise and tell me it is acceptable, equally with dust and coal fines blowing directly onto our home, or when there is a temperature inversion. No doubt those reports provided will say they are complying. Let's not forget Pine Dale Open Cut mine and Nuebeck Creek Open Cut proposals. Whilst not operational now, but no doubt they will be approved. I would expect this has been included in this assessment by the Department, forward planning, don't you think? I do not accept a response saying it will be reassessed at that time. Not acceptable. It needs to be added into this assessment.

I object to transport on the Castlereagh Highway and private coal haul road. However, no doubt it will be approved regardless of yet another submission on why this project should not be approved. If this is the case, then, Castlereagh Highway is a secondary tourist highway and yes long-haul transport does pass through here but has very little noise impact compared to empty coal trucks, equally nowhere near the consistency of passing coal transporting trucks. Time allocation should not be limited to just Lidsdale for private haul road. Blackmans Flat should be 7pm and 7am. This modification should not be approved unless the private overhead haul road to Western Coal Services be the first step. Not that I agree with any transportation with trucks at all. All coal should be by conveyor, infrastructure is already in place. Centennial Coal can increase their conveyor capacity to accommodate higher production.

I object to an extra 80,000 tonnes + already what has been approved with a maximum capacity of 650,000 thousand tonnes on site, we live approximately 1 kilometre from the eastern boundary, include Mt Piper Ash repository 15 million tonnes + of fly ash and add Mt Pipers coal storage on site. Taking a good look at the topography of the area the ridge that runs along the length of both industries and air flow funnels directly on to our home. No doubt those reports provided will say they are complying. This already presents as a health hazard to anyone in the near vicinity. It is risking the health of people who live in this area. Will the Dept or the Company support financial support for all the medical expenditure or loss of life for those who live in this *rural community* when this happens? Relocate person/s at no cost to the person/s?

It is a volatile high fire risk already add more coal to the site and we certainly have a disaster waiting in the wings to those who live here, need I say anymore.

I would like to also advise the Department of Planning and to be forwarded on to the relevant Minister/s personal information with the continual threats and abuse to myself and my husband for daring to speak against development applications approved in our area, near our home. Those impacts which have presented over 14 years of living in Blackmans Flat will be detailed in my separate letter to this submission "Marked Confidential" to the Dept of Planning and Environment.

I would like to see both Centennial Coal and Energy Australia show their long-term commitment with transitioning now to renewable energy as with the Department/s excising renewable projects and training for Lithgow now. As you may or may not be aware Energy Australia has advised in the media they will not increase their capacity with coal. Both parent companies have spent millions of dollars overseas with renewable projects, but not in Lithgow.

Finally tell me how after 100 years of mining in Lithgow that coal has enhanced Lithgow? As in the past Lithgow was an equal city to Newcastle and Wollongong, with Bathurst and Orange small country towns. The answer is, it has not, in fact, we have a decrease in population, closing of businesses and industry, with Bathurst and Orange having doubled their population as with business and industry.

Yours sincerely

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