

## 1. Coal Dust

With 2.5 microns of particles on our grazing land for our stock to consume then in turn for human consumption. Many farms have tank water and collect water from their roofs how will this be MADE GOOD!! supplying us with drinking water? I do not think so

## 2. Health

Huge increases in Asthma, Arterial Fibrillation existing breathing problems exacerbated and unsustainable impost on an already stretched hospital system in the southern highlands  
This is not to mention the possible mine accidents. Bowral hospital would be unable to cope with an emergency of this sort

## 3 Human Suffering

Many residents have their retirement saving tied up in their homes and properties which will become unsaleable without water bores and the general destruction of soil quality from an increasing dewatering of the area.

I have watched many of my neighbours slowly sinking into depression and hopelessness as they confront a future with a coal mine as a neighbour myself included .My own wife is devastated by this as she feels she cannot protect a family property which has been in the family for over 150 years and will be lost on her watch.

## 4.Sustainable Jobs

Mining promises jobs but forgets to take into account the jobs lost.

Many properties will become unviable and owners will be forced to stop investing in projects that sustain jobs in the Southern Highlands. Farm workers, gardeners, cleaners cafe workers wedding venues— who wants to a wedding in a coal area with the dust blowing

The horse racing industry has been investing heavily in the Highlands after the disaster of mining in the Hunter valley with a mine coming here they will probably move offshore rather than start another expensive fight. A huge loss to the coffers of NSW. and for what? very small royalty payments.

## 5 Mine Waste Reinjection

I cannot believe that anyone could suggest putting potentially toxic mine waste with God knows what sort of chemicals back into voids that would have the potential to pollute our groundwater and soil.not to mention rivers and streams flowing into the Sydney catchment

## 6 Intergenerational Equity

This decision says it all about preserving our environment for future generations QUOTE

"New Hope Group's \$900 million expansion of the New Acland Mine in the Darling Downs has been thrown out by the Queensland Land Court.

Mr Smith said while there would be undoubted economic benefits from the third stage of the Acland mine it would damage groundwater for farmers in the vicinity of the mine "for hundreds of years to come".

"This breach is sufficient to warrant rejection of the MLAs [mining lease applications] and draft EA [environment authority] applications," Mr Smith said in his decision.

"Groundwater considerations are such that the revised stage three project should not proceed given the risks to the surrounding landholders and the poor state of the current model."

