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To whom it may concern:

Submission on Hume Coal Project, Sutton Forest

I own two adjoining properties in the Sutton Forest area. The first is 160 acres which I hold in my own name and the second is 350 acres held by Fesen P/L of which I am the sole director. Both these properties will be very badly affected by the Hume Coal underground mine if it is ever built. I strongly object to Hume's mine proposal as outlined in the EIS.

To provide some background information, I've attached two affidavits which have been submitted in court cases relating to the proposed mine over the past 3 years. The first was regarding the Review of Environmental Factors which Hume submitted to drill 25 exploration holes in this area including 10 on my properties. At one stage in the middle of the arbitration they told me they wanted to drill 25 holes but they then admitted they didn't have approval and backed off. The second case related to a case four of local landowners ran against Hume regarding access to our properties for exploration drilling (Martin & Ors vs Hume Coal). We won this case on appeal on the basis of s31 'Significant Improvements'.

These affidavits give a very clear description of my properties, the impact that any exploration or mining would have on them and the extremely distressing process Hume put us through during the forced arbitration process.

Since then I've made a lot of improvements to my properties. The property is now a registered horse stud and I breed and sell thoroughbred race horses. I also breed cattle as before (see Affidavits). I have 80 breeders, one bull and up to 80 calves at any one time. I'm also improving my pastures on a regular basis.

I've recently put in 3500 metres of special horse fencing and I'm adding another 3000 metres later this year. I've also built 7 horse shelters and a large feed and equipment shed. I've added horse troughs, underground water reticulation and 1500 metres of electric fencing as part of the upgrade. I've also planted an additional 500 trees to provide windbreaks and shelter. All up I've recently spent about \$300,000 with more to come in the next 12 months.

This is a serious business activity for me. Currently I have 16 horses on the property including 5 race-winning brood mares. I can carry up to 26 horses at present but I'm expanding to carry up to 46 horses. I plan to increase my brood mares to 10 next year. I have two progenies of Fiorente (of which I was a part owner) which won the Melbourne Cup in 2013. I also have a number of other high-quality colts and fillies. I put them up for sale periodically and keep a few for racing in my own colours.

If Hume succeeds in getting approval to mine I believe that it will destroy my business and reduce my property value very significantly. I'm worried that any mining will drain the water from the aquifer under my property and destroy my water bores which I completely depend on.

I have 3 bores including one irrigation bore with a 60 ML per year licence. The two stock and domestic bores have 5 ML/year each. Hume couldn't possibly 'make good' that amount of water. There'd be huge tanker trucks running into my property 24/7. In addition, noise and dust from trucks going up and down my roadways would have an enormous impact on the well-being of my horses which suffer badly from stress under those circumstances. Road maintenance would also be a major issue. This could go on for decades.

I'm totally opposed to Hume ever getting access to my properties for any reason what-so-ever and I will fight them in the courts again if needs be. I have the resources to maintain any court battle for a long time.

In my mind Posco, which owns Hume Coal, is a disreputable company with no concern at all for the locals or the impact they'll have on the environment. Its proven that overseas and also on the ground here. I've seen how their executives behave in arbitration hearings and I'm not impressed. I have no faith that they'll actually do what they say they'll do if they get a Mining Approval.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Pollicina", written on a light-colored background.

Phillip Pollicina

Attachments: