

Director-Resource And Energy Assessments
Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

25th October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Submission – Application Number SSD 7480
Vickery Extension Project – Braymount Road, Gunnedah**

I object to the Vickery Coal Mine Extension Project. My concerns are;

Railway

There is a lack of information about the proposed railway loop. The proposed loop is within 800m of my current residency. How is the structure going to affect the flow of a flood event? Is there going to be noise monitoring?

Agriculture

My livelihood depends on agriculture, I feel that the Gunnedah/Boggabri area is at a tipping point in becoming a monoculture driven by coal excavation. I advise for a number of farmers from the Boggabri farming and community group. I also share the same views and concerns they do. Water is one of the most essential products in producing crops in the Boggabri area. I am afraid that Whitehaven will mismanage water. I am worried that permanent damage will be done, and the future productivity of the area will be diminished.

Air Quality

I lived in the Hunter Valley for 2 years. My residence was within 10kms of 3 coal mines. The dust is terrible every time I wished to use anything outside being chairs, BBQ or even the clothesline I would have to wash or whip them down. I'm worried that the same will happen at my current residence due to living within 2km of the Vickery Coal Mine. The lack of air monitoring system is a serious concern to the health of the Boggabri community.

Regards,

Amy McAllister