

A Public Meeting was held at St Paul's Church Hall, Moss Vale. I object to the SSD 6334 EIS which contains fundamental flaws and technical issues; average values do not stack up. There is science behind my objection. This is a very long term and large resource project; works will go on for up to 7 days a week for many decades – 40 years leaving a massive hole – a 47 hectare pit to a depth of 39 metres below the current water table! I object to removal of the sandstone. It plays a critical and fundamental biological role in filtering water. I object to the planned or prospective dumping of 8 million cubic metres of Sydney fill and rubbish to fill the pit. I object to the project's polluting and damaging dust of Long Swamp and its aquifer which clean and supplies Sydney's Nepean water catchment by overflow, and the subsequent pollutants, leaching mud and finings from the pit. I object the adverse health effect of airborne dust (asthma, silicosis, fibrosis, cancer) that will be carried by prevailing winds across the population centres of the Southern Highlands. I object to the air pollution and dust impact, becoming the next medical 'asbestos'; and I object its debilitating effects and extreme stresses on flora and fauna and entire ecosystems. I object to the lowering the water table at Sutton Forest will adversely affect the bores on which so many locals depend for agriculture and life. I object to the land clearing of 63 hectares of native bush to critically narrow the most fragile section of the Great Western Wildlife Corridor, harming the native flora and fauna, including endangered species. I object to the noise pollution, blasting and light pollution 24/7 for 30 years destroying this critical habitat. I object that to operational lighting for 24/7 operations and impact study not done. I object to the impacts on the biodiversity corridor – noise, vibration, light & movement – too narrow a land strip would remain for native animals in the Great Western Wildlife Corridor I object to the disruption of the peace and tranquillity at 'The Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy – Penrose Park', which attracts 10,000 tourists per year; and the Victoria Cross War memorial rest stop nearby will not be restful. I object to the entire destruction of 'Remembrance Driveway memorial to Bruce Kingsbury VC, a much used area commemorating a great and heroic Australian. I object to the dramatic increase in heavy trucking on the Hume Highway (> 400 trucks per day) and the maintenance costs that will make their way to taxpayers, the increased risks to the general public of driving on truck laden highways, the noise and pollutions including dust!! I object to the commitment that is needed made by the Wingecarribee Council to maintain a new Hume Highway overpass and local access road for a private venture. I object to the proposed rock crushing site with residents living less than 100 metres away. I object to 6-12 blasts per year and high pitched water driven sandstone rock sawing. Permeability of sandstone will be compromised resulting in consolidation due to mining vibrations therefore restricting groundwater filtration. Long Swamp Creek/sandstone filter (100 metres away) is at great risk and will be contaminated and subsequently impacts water quality in the region and for Sydney Water? Massive water usage – 100 million litres short of water licence already allocated. I object to the applications subsequently requiring more water and having to obtain more water licences (from others). The harvestable right of groundwater needs to be looked into thoroughly and honour Governments requirement of worst case scenarios – the applicant has presented only averages. The proposed mine sits in a vital link. The Giant Dragonfly lives in this sandstone country above 600 metres. Surrounding property values will plummet. We do NOT want to go the way of the Hunter Valley. This matter needs to be referred to the Commonwealth Government re the water impact. There needs to be consultation with the Australian Pipeline Authority. This proposal is flawed in fundamental ways. I object. There is history and what should be 'lessons learned' from other dreadfully damaging major projects in this and all states. I do not believe true regard to the risks and outcomes of this proposed major planning project is given in the EIS. Thank you for accepting my objection.