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Dear Sir,

RE: OBJECTION TO MANGOOLA COAL MODIFICATION 6 OF PROJECT APPROVAL 06_0014

I am writing to make an objection to the currently proposed modification to the Mangoola Open Cut Mine at Denman NSW.

I am the proprietor of Hunter Equine located in Denman which is a retail business selling saddlery and horse related items to thoroughbred horse studs and owners of pleasure horses throughout the Upper Hunter Valley.

The thoroughbred breeding industry contributes to approximately 80% of my total turnover with the remaining 20% derived from a very large pleasure horse industry which includes the Denman Pony Club which has close to 100 members – one of the largest and most successful Pony Clubs in the state of NSW.

The implication of the expansion of mining throughout the Upper Hunter Valley is of ongoing concern to me. The main reasons being the uncertainty of the effects of mining on water and air quality in the region as well as the seemingly lack of planning for the ongoing economies of local towns.

I am concerned that if the current mining activities and planned expansions obstruct the operations of Australia's two largest thoroughbred studs (Darley and Coolmore), most of my current income will be lost, forcing me to cease operation.

Most importantly, as a mother of two young children, I am concerned for the health and wellbeing of my family. We are constantly exposed to air pollution issues and I currently have a complaint registered with the EPA due to air quality issues which I encountered earlier this month. My concerns for the safety of my family also extend to the amount of traffic now found within our community and the speed in which shift workers in the mines are travelling on our roads.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours faithfully,

Melanie Sunderland
HUNTER EQUINE