



Hunter Environment Lobby Inc.

24th June 2013
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David Mooney
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The Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Dear Sir

Submission of Objection to Mangoola Coal Modification 6 of Project Approval 06_0014

Reference is made to the exhibited development application for the proposed Modification of the original Anvil Hill Coal Project, near Muswellbrook, now named the Mangoola Coal Modification 6 of Project Approval 06_0014.

In the original submission made by Hunter Environment Lobby Inc (HEL) on 12 September 2006, we outlined the concerns we had for the adverse impacts on biodiversity values, water and greenhouse gas impacts.

We also outlined the facts that HEL have consistently expressed concern about these issues to the NSW Government over the last two decades in its meetings with government ministers and submissions. These issues are common across all major developments within the Hunter catchment area.

Our original objections were about the adequacy or otherwise of the original EIS; compliance with planning objectives; biodiversity issues; water issues; cumulative impacts and Greenhouse and energy issues.

These issues have only significantly degraded since the consent of the original development, and we can see these issues degrading in the future if this proposal goes ahead.

The effects on air quality and human health are rampant in the Upper Hunter, as shown to stark effect by the number of breaches of air quality standards in this area this year alone.

Greenhouse issues are becoming ever more important in our communities, not only in Australia, but the world's leading scientists are calling for the even more rapid development of renewable energy in this decade.

Scientists and politicians who are seeing the damaging effects of Climate Change are calling for responsible governments to effectively leave coal and

fossil fuels in the ground, and put tax payer dollars into effective renewable industries, such as wind and solar farms.

HEL can see with real government effectiveness, that the increase in employment, the saving of farming land and the reversal of the destruction of biodiversity, NSW can have a real future for its citizens, especially in this area.

The community of Denman in particular is worried by this expansion, and we have seen many other communities sacrificed to the multi national coal industries who are not around when it comes to the rehabilitation efforts that will have go on for a very long time, to have any semblance of original condition.

HEL asks that this development not go ahead, that there is a real examination of true cumulative impacts on communities, employment, biodiversity, water and greenhouse issues instead instituted by this present government, led by the this department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Davis', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Jan Davis
President Hunter Environment Lobby Inc.