

Objection to Mangoola Coal Project 06/0014 Modification 6

We object to approval being given to the Mangoola Mine Modification Number 6 in the terms of approval sought by Xstrata Mangoola PL.

The Upper Hunter is already saturated with coal mines that impact on the health of the communities of Denman, Muswellbrook, Singleton and neighbouring townships. Further expansion of those existing mines should certainly be halted as it will just exacerbate the mine sourced air pollution for the whole Hunter Valley, as well as have an impact because of increased rail and road traffic.

The Mangoola Mine already impacts adversely on the local community and noise and other issues are largely unresolved. Life will be made unbearable if the mine expands and activity increases.

Water is our prime concern in this area as we are dependent on it for our agricultural production. Discharge to the Hunter River should not be permitted as it was not permitted in the original application and would certainly have a detrimental effect on the river environment and agriculture downstream.

The social, environmental and physical impact of a mine so close to residents and farmland is too great for any consideration of this proposal to be considered.

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