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Mr. Peter Forbes
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Dear Mr. Forbes,

**Re: Drayton Mine
Modification to Project Approval (PA 06-0202 MOD2)**

Reference is made to your letter of 19 October, 2011 in regards to a Modification to Project Approval and we strongly object to any further increased operations of Drayton Mine in general.

As you are aware, we have been in dispute with Drayton concerning train noise, blasting, dust and environmental impacts associated with Drayton Mines operations. Any further increased operations will only exasperate the current situation.

Until Drayton and the Department of Planning accepts that the loading of trains is part of the Mine's operations and our property is within the acquisition zone we strongly object to any further increase in activities of any mining in our vicinity.

It should also be noted that the limitations need to be revised with any new approval as it is obvious from the many complaints that with new technology used by recent approvals is much too high and causes concerns for nearby residents. These points were discussed at a recent Review of the Environmental Assessment Act to be undertaken by the NSW Department of Planning and will be included in the submission to be finalised by the end of the year.

It is also brought to your attention that the Director General directed some eight months ago an independent review of air quality, noise and blasting undertaken by SLR Global Environment Solutions for our residence.

The Housing Condition Report (Terrock Consulting Engineers) dated 28. October, 2011, not an independent report but a requirement of inspection of requirement supposedly to be carried out and paid for by Drayton Coal Pty. Ltd. Which is well overdue, the same firm having previously carried out a similar inspection some four years ago with no assistance and therefore the same results were anticipated and subsequently confirmed.

The Report acknowledges the **"deBoer house has been constructed with a well engineered foundation system that is performing according to the requirements of the current Footings Standard, although it was built many years ago"** (Actually it was built in 1975 some 10 years before the existence of the operations of Drayton Mine).

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What evidence can then be attributed to such an unrealistic statement **“The other damage in evidence is not related to blasting operations at the Drayton Mine, nor has blasting contributed to the damage. The vibration levels are below the environmental limits under which the mine operates.” “However, the vibration levels are above human threshold perception levels and many blasts are ‘felt’”**

This report is, as usual, most unsatisfactory and biased, despite the damage which was recorded and evident and we will be seeking further advice and assistance from the Director General of the Department of Planning for Drayton Mine to purchase our property before any further Modification to Project Approval (PA 06-0202 MOD2) in respect of Drayton South Coal Project takes place.

Yours faithfully,



G.H.J. & P.H. de Boer

cc..Director General, NSW. Dept. Planning
cc. Julia Pope, Senior Compliance Officer,
NSW Planning & Infrastructure