

**Phil Jones - MTW/HVO Offset Area**

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Good Morning Phil,

Firstly, I am not a member of the Bulga Progress Association, but I do wish to bring to your attention my opinion on Rio's mines, as a resident of Bulga.

On various occasions I have had the opportunity to present the impact of RIO's operations on our lives, from the PAC to the appeal, it appears that anything that I and others present falls on death ears.

I wish to make the following points, in regard to the new argument regarding offset areas:

- Impact on our lives has been 24/7 for the past 4/5 years;
- The noise is intolerable yet Planning increased the volume output;
- **I do not care about offset areas**, when NSW Planning has allowed mines to impede on our basic human rights;
- NSW Planning have taken our lives, our future, and the value of our homes and flushed them down the toilet;

I REITERATE – **Offset areas** – are not important to us and many others in Bulga, when NSW Planning puts more value on Sands and trees rather than people. Offset areas may be a point of law that the EDO can argue, but the complete avoidance by NSW Planning to be proactive when it comes to our rights belongs in the courts for Civil action (class action);

Put simply NSW Planning had the capacity to ensure that residents of Bulga were treated fairly without discrimination, by ensuring that the acquisition lines included all properties in Bulga, hence giving the people the right to decide their future. Unfortunately, we all know that money talks when it comes to the NSW Government, NSW Planning has the power, not to stop mines nor to control them, but it has an obligation for the people that have been forced to give up everything for the NSW Government, with no compensation.

I have emailed you today not to argue about offset areas, to remind NSW Planning that many of us are realistic that mines are here and will continue to expand, but it is time that NSW Planning listened to what people want, BE PROACTIVE, move the line and forget about mitigation it doesn't work.

Kind regards,  
 Danielle Hanson

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