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Department of Planning

Subject

Applications from Coal and Allied seeking to modify the Hunter Valley Operations South (HVO South) Project Approval (06_0261) pursuant to (former) s.75W of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (Modifications 4 and 5).

I am firmly against the change of offsetting an offset. This change should not be considered. I object to the allocation of the 140h Archerfield offset from Hunter Valley Operations ownership to Warkworth ownership. The designation of the equivalent area in Goulburn River area is also unacceptable when it is not in the local area and not like for like. The Goulburn River area is not equivalent to Warkworth Sands Woodlands.

Why should the mine get the opportunity to fix their so called offset package? The original piece they put together should be what is considered as their offset package as they were quite confident in what they had proposed. It is only because the judge has seen the flaws in the offset package and both Coal and Allied and the Department of Planning say it was an oversight or administrative error. To me that stinks of people not really reading, understanding and questioning the material that is put forward to them and the community is left to suffer the consequences of these quick and indecisive determinations that are made on incorrect and less than adequate information.

The application should be refused.

I do not make political donations.

Regards

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