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RE - MT. ARTHUR COAL MODIFICATION (09-0062 MOD 1)

SIR,

We are writing to you to place our objection to the above mentioned project modification.

We object to the project for the below stated reasons.

As some of the project's closest neighbours we already find our lives constantly subjected to disturbances, and are already impacted on a daily basis. Any further modification/intensification will be in a even closer to us and will only impact further.

We find ourselves impacted in several ways. As the project continues we believe the impact will be even greater on us and therefore we do not agree with the so called modelling of impacts going forward.

We are already impacted in the following ways with

- ① - NOISE - Both Audible and Infrasound disturbances.
- ② - BLASTING - Shaking and damage thru blasting of our residences + noxious gas.
- ③ - DUST - The constant dusting of our properties by dust from the mining sequences.
- ④ - VISUAL IMPACT - The huge, unsightly vista to our east of the spoils from mining/dumps.
- ⑤ - LIGHTING - The constant increase in lights shining on our properties from machines + lighting plants in work areas + dumps.

As we are constantly bombarded by these impacts on a daily basis we find the modelling going forward for noise/dust/blasting/lighting and visual impacts both inaccurate and fraudulent.

Taking into account our ongoing + previous complaints on these issues, It seems at least understated, If not downright dishonest in its assumptions.

As the 'project' going forward will head in a westerly direction in both mining and dumping sequences, and therefore heading closer to us, the impact on us, can and will only increase. Any denial of this fact seems fraudulent.

Hundreds of complaints of disturbance over the last couple of years should be taken into account. Phone calls at ungodly hours should be evidence of our ongoing issues with disturbance.

The positioning of their existing monitoring stations for dust and noise, to us, seem laughable at best.

Our Topography, in relation to the project, as well as our position from prevailing winds etc., ensure our constant bombarding.

from noise, dust, blasting + blasting gases, ^{continued,} lighting and the horrible visual impact.

This modification will lead inevitably to increased workings and workforce. The increase in rail/train movement giving them the ability to ramp up their production, which will no doubt, be the next modification that will be on their plans. COAL MOVEMENTS = COAL SALES, COAL SALES = EXTRA MINING, COAL EXTRACTION = MORE OVERBURDEN/WASTE AND MORE OVERBURDEN/WASTE = A NEED FOR MORE EQUIPMENT AND WORKFORCE AS WELL AS PROVISION FOR SPOIL/WASTE HEAP SITES.

It is a chain of events that is a constant ~~across~~ the industry, and it is not addressed in this modification. Their intentions to increase R.O.M. coal production and sales are not addressed.

The increase of train movements will move say 154,000 tonnes per day (19 TRAINS), up from the 97,000 tonnes (12 TRAINS) they move at present. This Represents annual saleable coal production of 56.2 million tonnes P.A. and requires a doubling of their workforce and workings.

In simple terms and additional 128 million tonnes and extension of mine life of 4 years (2026) represents 32 million tonnes of coal extraction per year.

With a stripping ratio in the vicinity of 5:1 the waste overburden would entail movement in excess of an additional 150 million B.C.M. of overburden/partings waste per year.

Bearing this in mind it seems to us inaccurate, understated and dishonest if not fraudulent the impact on us and to the rest of the community

We therefore present to you our submission and on these grounds would hope that you do not allow this modifications to go ahead.

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