



Hunter Environment Lobby Inc.

18th November 2013

PO Box 188 East Maitland
NSW 2323

Dubbo Zirconia Project

Application No: SSD-5251

Submission due: **Monday 18 November**

Hunter Environment Lobby Inc wishes to object to this proposal.

The Hunter Environment Lobby Inc (HEL) is a non profit community group established to promote environment protection in the Hunter Valley. It has been in existence since 1992 with a focus on regional scale issues and biodiversity conservation. The group receives no government or external funding and is non-political.

HEL sees that Alkane Resources Zirconia Project at Toongi, 25kms south of Dubbo, proposes to open cut 20 million tonnes of rare earth elements including uranium and thorium on 170ha.

HEL objects to this proposal on the grounds that The radioactive materials associated with the project are of major concern. Toongi has the largest deposit of uranium in NSW. This project could be a back door to uranium mining in NSW.

HEL is committed to ensuring that no radioactive waste enter the natural systems of the environment of the Hunter and NSW, and so ensuring that these dangerous waste products do not enter the food chain for our communities.

Sincerely,

Jan Davis
President Hunter Environment Lobby Inc