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**OBJECTION AND SUBMISSION to CADIA VALLEY OPERATIONS MOD 14 –
INCREASED PROCESSING RATE**

Application number - MP06 0295-Mod-14

I OBJECT unequivocally to Cadia Valley Operations (CVO) – Newcrest Modification 14 – increased processing rate.

I live at 2136 on the address listed above, and also own 2135 and 2146 on Figure 1-2a in the 01. Modification Report.

Below is a specific list of objections to this major project.

1. Notification & Consultation – CVO and DPIE.
2. Dust Issues
3. Proposal to lift the NTSF wall by 40m

1. Notification & Consultation

With a major project such as this, with over a thousand pages 14 days (which then at late notice became 28 days as I was not notified by DPIE or CVO) is not adequate time for research and follow-up consultation with CVO and other experts. This modification proposal will have a significant impact on the local community. Our feeling is that time has not been on the wider community's side with such an in depth and lengthy document.

When the Exhibition Period was announced to CVO from DPIE on Jan 11, THERE WAS NO CORRESPONDENCE INFORMING THE 280 CADIA PROPERTY OWNERS OF THIS EXHIBITION PERIOD. This effectively denied property owners in the area the opportunity to express their concern with the developments proposed in the submission. CVO has been on notice about our concerns, especially regarding dust for an extended period of time and should have notified the community directly. CVO continually stated that they want to work with the local community, but their actions are a stark contrast to their stated intentions.

2. Dust Issues & Breaches.

Since the breach of the wall of the NTSF, dust has been a constant issue for surrounding residents of CVO. Two and half years after the breach, the problem of dust had still not been adequately addressed. Below are a series of photos of the dust that has been generated off both the NTSF & STSF. These events are by no way a comprehensive record of all dust events that have occurred. I know there have been significantly more events that I have not been able to capture. At the beginning I did not record many events in the false belief that CVO was in the process of fixing the problem and that I should allow time for them to do so. How could a major corporate citizen of the area not do something about a breach of their environmental and community responsibilities? If they are unable to contain the effect of their mining at the current levels of production, how do they propose to do it with an increased level of production?



2nd November 2018 - Photo from Rhondda Villa, 1335 Burnt Yards Rd



22nd November 2018 Photo from intersection of Errowanbang Rd and Panuara Rd



15th December 2018 - Photo from Cumbrae 1336 Burnt Yards Rd.



26th April 2019 – Photo from Carramar, 1122 Errowanbang Rd.



4th October 2019 – Photo from Brights Yards, 980 Errowanbang Rd



12th November 2019 - Photo taken on Errowanbang Rd looking back towards Cheesemans Mt



Photo taken February 2021 from the same spot as one above.



22nd December 2019 – Photo from Lyndfield, Bakers Rd.



26th February 2020 Photo from Rhondda Villa 1335 Burnt Yards Rd



20th March 2020 Photo from Council gravel storage on Errowanbang Rd.



16th September 2020 – Dust still blowing two and half years after the breach of the wall on the NTSF. If production is increased how long will it take to rectify problems given how long it has taken under current production levels? If the wall is raised by 44m on the NTSF, how much more dust will blow given that the surface of the NSF will be more exposed than it is now?

3. Proposal to lift the NTSF wall by 40m

Given that the current approval of the mine is only to 2031 – why is it proposed to add 40m to the embankment of the NTSF? It is our understanding that for the approved time frame of mining, this is not needed. There are some levels of confusion as to what the actual steepness of the bank may be in a variety of Cadia Newsletter reports. The steepness ranges from 3:1 to 2.5:1 to 2:1 – which is actually correct?

Since the slump of the dam wall in March of 2018 with a length of approximately 213m, can this be repaired with enough confidence to extend it a further 40m? Safety is a key concern here for individuals as well as the environment in the event of further potential slumps and how this may potentially impact the Belubula, Lachlan and further down Darling Rivers.

The visual impact and prospect of this will mean that many landowners will lose the entirety of their view of Mt Canobolas. Over the past 15 years with Modification changes and allowances the NTSF and STSF have become a dominant eyesore in the valley and area.

SUBMISSION

- a) That no approval be given to uplift the NTSF embankment by 40M**
- b) That no approval be given to any uplift of the NTSF save for a few metres to create a dam to hold water and completely suppress dust emanating from its surface- (this dam could be used to augment Cadia's water supply).**
- c) That no approval be given to uplift the NTSF embankment unless and until Cadia has applied for and had approved an SSDA Application to extend the ore output and life of the mine.**

In Summary

These question need to be addressed – if CVO is to increase their level of production, how do they plan to contain the impact of their activities on the surrounding communities, when they have repeatedly failed to do so at current levels? When any organisation increases its production capacity, economies of scale do increase potential profits. On the flip side, any problems created at the current level of production are also magnified.

Thank you for receiving my objections and considering my submission.

I declare I have not made any financial or other contributions to any political party in the past two years.

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