

SUBMISSION RELATING TO SOUTH 32 ILLAWARRA METALLURGICAL COAL APPIN MINE VENTILATION AND ACCESS PROJECT

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Application Name: Bulli Seam Operations Project

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Applicant: Illawarra Coal Holdings Pty Ltd

Location: 345 Menangle Road, Menangle (Lot 20A DP 4450)

This is a tailored personal submission in respect of the Construction and operation of mine ventilation and access infrastructure including two ventilation shafts, upcast ventilation fans and ancillary infrastructure. This is an objection for the project and it is our view that it should not be able to proceed.

I am Layne Storrier. I am a 22-year-old male who is a carpenter and is studying to get my builders licence. I have had a great love for building my whole life. My parents own a building company and for as long as I can remember I was always on site helping where I could while I was growing up. The main house I helped build was the house I call my 'home'. We started building it when I was in year 6 and I can remember every chance I got I was helping my parents build their 'dream home'.

This house isn't just any ordinary house this house is a home a family's life time dream. This is a block of land that holds us all together the amount of hours we have spent together as a family is absolutely outstanding. To think that the beautiful views and the liveability of this property can be taken away is hard to believe. Yet this is what is happening to our beautiful property on 30 Finns Road, Menangle. This isn't the first time either. We have already had to deal with the stress of the M9 in 2018 so this is just another thing trying to ruin our masterpiece.

This house has always been looked at with the view it would always be the long term family home. Where myself and my two younger sisters would be able to bring our children to Nan and pops house and show them all the beautiful views and how beautiful this land really is. Yet, it looking more and more likely my future kids won't get a chance to experience this all first hand.

For me to be disappointed with the mines is one thing but the disappointment I have seen both my parents go through is heartbreaking. I have never seen my Dad break down like he did when he was telling us about the mines and how this is another thing that is just here to wreck his dream and everything him and my mother have worked so hard for.

For years everyone who has come into the house have been absolutely blown away by how beautiful the view is and how amazing this land really is. This can all be taken away from us as our views are by far the most beautiful thing this property has to offer.

Thank you for reading my submission I really hope you take it into consideration as it would mean the world for myself and family to lose our family home and wrecking the structure of this land would be heartbreaking. Given the arguments against this proposal it is clear that the project should not proceed at 345 Menangle Road, Menangle.