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## Planning and assessment

### Attention- Coal and Quarry assessments

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#### To whom this may concern,

I am writing **IN OBJECTION** to the proposed Mangoola continued operations project as a neighbour of the ongoing concern currently working to the South-East of our property in the Upper Hunter of New South Wales. As a nearby neighbour we are concerned about the effects of Mangoola moving their operations further North-West, and ultimately closer to our home. We have participated in the studies by Umwelt and voiced our displeasure towards it.

We were visited shortly after purchasing our property by Mangoola representatives and an Umwelt representative who indicated to us that Mangoola would expand, become ever closer to us in proximity and be 'good neighbours'.

During our interview process by representatives from Mangoola it has been indicated to us that not only will the effects of this mine increase, but that the representatives also live with the effects of coal mining, due to living in the Hunter Valley themselves.

We don't believe that this mine and its extension will operate within their guidelines because, as follows, we've had to telephone Mangoola's own hotline to inform them that they are impacting our comfort at home, whilst their own monitoring apparatus and systems do not seem to alert them to any increase in impacts to our community. Mangoola has many systems to best understand their impact on us as a community but seem to rely on us informing them before, any change in their operation can begin. I have listed some examples below of my own **noise complaints**.

10/11/18 - 7.25am Machinery movement noise. Can be heard with house closed up.

30/11/18 - 4.50am Bulldozer movements clearly heard with house closed up.

15/12/18 - 3.00pm Engines revving could be heard over am radio in workshop.

Mangoola called us back and informed us our complaint had been acknowledged.

22/12/18 – 6.25am Engines revving and machinery movements.

23/01/19 – 9.25pm Bulldozer and trucks movement. EPA case # 160924 very loud

19/03/19 – 5.40 am Machinery noise rattling dining window.

29/04/19 – Machinery noise heard over radio in workshop. EPA case #CO6218-2019

What I don't understand is whilst we communicate to this mining operation our complaint, surely their own monitoring equipment must register and alert Mangoola of increased impacts to our community so they could reduce their impact as they operate?

If this is not the case then why can't this operation, in the interests of community welfare or 'good neighbourly' conduct, continually monitor and if required, change their work to suit conditions like temperature inversions?

The question may well be asked of the current monitoring situation and its actual effectiveness? I ask you to consider robust and meaningful change in the event this proposal is considered regarding noise monitoring.

Regarding **property value sterilisation**, as a concerned landholder in close proximity to this mine currently, will we see any effects against our worth? During Umwelts impact study property valuation or sterilisation was of major concern. As a landholder how am I able to effectively improve my property if the area around this mine is sterilised?

In the proposal of this continuation it is suggested there **will be two final voids** left after the completion of the project. In my opinion, in this day of age, it is absolutely abhorrent that we as a community, would be left with an eyesore and a **lasting environmental issue** that could not be considered managed at all, once the mine has completed their business.

These final voids **must not** remain, and **must not** be considered a solution **in any** proposal. Environmentally **we must** acknowledge best practice, and apply them to all rehabilitation after these projects finish up.

In closing, I am not sure of the ability of the current operators to adequately manage the impacts that they currently expose our community to, or to manage any impact proposed or otherwise.

Regards, D. Hayne.