

13. Denise Williams

Hello

My name is Denise Williams I live in the Wollar district with Bruce. Since the mine began I have become more socially and economically disadvantaged. When we moved to the district, Wollar was a thriving community with a general store that offered everything, this meant less trips to town. We also had a mechanic, and fire brigade.. Because the distance to Mudgee was 50 kms and most of that was on a gravel road. Wollar had a great social calendar which included bush dances, cricket etc all before the mine. Wollar is only a handful of people now

, which has meant the loss of many services which were important to us. If you drive around the Wollar district you see many houses that have been vandalised. All these houses were lived in before the mine. Now the houses can't be lived in at all, is this so the mine is not obliged to have people living in them or is it to make it easier for the mine when they go for more modifications in the future, because they will. The government seems willing to allow this mine to continue to get larger.

The social impacts are far greater than forecasted therefore I strongly object to the social impact management plan put forward by the mine because it is all about the future, but what about the people left with stranded assets in the Wollar district there seems to be no future for them. But there is hope, if fit

8 is not approved. Just allow the mine to continue to the end of their current licences, then ^{maybe} re-assess.

People in Wollar had to sell, they couldn't live with a noisy dirty smelly coal mine as a neighbour. Acquisition rights have been given to the last 4 private propertys in Wollar and 1 property around 6kms out of Wollar. this 1 property doesn't have a permanent resident therefore no-one to complain about the mine noise. Can I ask does this mean that the Pit 8 mine noise will stop there and not continue on to my place.

I have heard that the shop is closing at the end of the year. What happens to my mail I live to far from Wollar to have a secure roadside mailbox.

The Wollar community try to have social gatherings, mainly during school holidays. Every one is invited. Mine management may say they attend these events but only one time have they shown any interest and then only 2 mine workers showed up. 1 from gulgong and he brought his family, the other from Wollar.

Decisions made by the government has made living in the Wollar district alot harder.

When the mine first started operating and I would ring to complain about mine noise and blasting vibrations and noise I was told by the then environmental officer that as I

was around 15 kms away from their office in a straight line so I should not be hearing them. The extension Pit 8 will bring the mine closer to me so therefore the noise will be louder. I was wondering why peabody noise compliance assessment is being modelled on an industrial noise guideline that has not yet been approved, is the reason for this to make it easier for the mine or just harder for us to live in the district.

I am so glad I don't live near the railline as the combined noise of mine and trains must unbearable for those who do.

The burning of coal must stop now not later Only 7% of NSW energy comes from renewable this should be a much larger percentage. Since we must start somewhere lets start with Pit 8 Slate Gully This is the perfect place. for a truely great solar farm, faces north higher in the south and has a major powerline running through it. all that is needed is the solar panels. If this was done there would be some noise during construction and after silence.