

INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION – Pamela Wright

I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PAY RESPECT TO THE GUN DUN GURRA PEOPLE, THEIR ELDERS, PAST AND PRESENT.

I AM OPPOSED TO THE HUME COAL & BERRIMA RAIL PROJECT.

LIKE THE MAJORITY OF LAND OWNERS HERE IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS, ONE OF MY MAIN CONCERNS IS THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER AND SHOULD HUME BE SUCCESSFUL WITH THIS MINE PROJECT, THE LACK OF IT.

ON OUR FARM, WE HAVE NO TOWN WATER, NO MAIL DELIVERIES, NO GARBAGE COLLECTION BUT WE DO HAVE A BORE. WE CHOSE THIS PROPERTY FOR ITS ISOLATION AND THAT WE COULD ACCESS WATER. I RECENTLY CHECKED THE WATER LICENSE WHICH WAS DATED 1981 AND IT WAS MARKED "EXISTING". I HAVE ALSO BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT WE WILL LOSE OUR BORE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MINE SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR IT TO RUN DRY.

SINCE WE MOVED HERE IN 2015 INTO THE BELANGLO STATE FOREST, WE HAVE PLANTED OVER 300 TREES AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THEM ALIVE, EVEN THROUGH THE 2018 DROUGHT. MY HUSBAND DUG EVERY HOLE BY SHOVEL AND CROW BAR AND I PHYSICALLY PLANTED 250 OF THOSE TREES ALONG OUR FRONT BORDER, THEY ARE ALIVE AND THRIVING TODAY BECAUSE WE HAD ACCESS TO WATER [REDACTED] WHEN I PLANTED THEM THEY WERE 20 cm HIGH, TODAY MOST RANGE BETWEEN 1 TO 1 ½ METRES TALL.

WE ARE NOT CASUAL OR FLIPANT WITH THIS PRECIOUS BORE WATER. WE HAVE 3 DAMS AND 3 LARGE WATER TANKS, BUT DURING 2018, 2 OF THE DAMS WERE BONE DRY AND WE HAD TO RESORT TO USING BORE WATER FOR HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION AS OUR TANKS RAN SO LOW. OUR BORE WATER IS PURE AND CRYSTAL CLEAR AND IT BREAKS MY HEART TO THINK OF THIS VALUABLE RESORCE BEING USED TO WASH COAL

WE HAVE A SMALL HERD OF COWS, A LARGE VEGETABLE GARDEN, A FRUIT ORCHARD, FLOWER GARDENS AND OUR YOUNG BOARDER TREES THAT ALL NEED WATER TO STAY ALIVE.

MY AIM THIS YEAR IS TO PLANT 2 ACRES OF EUCALYPTS TO FORM A CORRIDOR FROM OUR PROPERTY UP TO THE INDIGINOUS FOREST. MY REASONING IS THREE FOLD: TO ENCOURAGE BEES, AS FOOD FOR KOALAS AND TO COMBAT THE EFFECT THE COWS HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT. IN 2017 THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS KOALA CONSERVATION PROJECT SURVEYED OUR PROPERTY TO IDENTIFY HABITAT FOR OUR EDANGERED KOALAS. WE DID HAVE A SIGHTING RECENTLY, SO BY PLANTING EUCALYPTUS GUMS, CASARINA & PAPERBARK, THIS WILL PROVIDE A FOOD SOURCE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THESE NATIVE AUSTRALIANS BUT, WE MUST HAVE ACCESS TO WATER FOR THIS TO SUCCEED.

ANOTHER SERIOUS CONCERN FOR ALL, OR ALMOST ALL, IS THE EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE: WE HAVE A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAVE THIS EARTH, IF NOT BETER THEN AT LEAST AS GOOD AS WE FOUND IT. THE BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS IS DAMAGING THE ENVIRONMENT AT A HASTENING RATE. AT PRESENT, WE STILL NEED COAL POWER BUT WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE COAL MINES AND I ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT TO LOOK TO RENEWABLES FOR FUTURE POWER AND WITH THIS IN MIND, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE COMMISSIONERS TO REFRAIN FROM GRANTING PERMISSION TO HUME COAL FOR THIS PROJECT AND THANK THEM FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK HERE TODAY.

25 June 2018

Dear Landowner,

Hume Coal has undertaken revisions to the groundwater model in line with suggestions from an independent groundwater expert engaged by the NSW Government which has allowed us to clarify the potential impacts on your licenced groundwater bore. As a result of the updated modelling your bore has been identified as being affected. The specific impacts are detailed in the groundwater bore overview sheet attached to this letter.

I understand that any impact on your property can be worrying, however please be assured that Hume Coal will make every effort to ensure any impact on your water bore is temporary and you will not, for any period of time, be left without access to water for ALL your needs.

Hume Coal would like to work closely with you as we progress our proposed coal development through the NSW Planning Process. We will ensure that your groundwater rights and needs are accommodated, in accordance with the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy.

In this package, we have included copy of the NSW Government's Aquifer Interference Policy (AIP), some relevant AIP factsheets, information on the proposed impacts to your groundwater bore and potential mitigation measures.

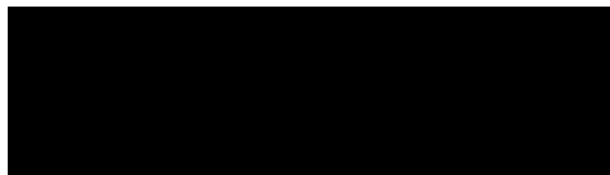
It would be greatly appreciated if we could arrange a meeting to further discuss the proposed development, the impact on your groundwater bore and the potential mitigation measures.

A Hume Coal staff member will endeavour to contact you within the coming weeks to arrange a meeting. Should there be any issue obtaining your contact details and you have not been contacted within 2 weeks of receiving this letter, please call the Hume Coal office on 02 4869 8200.

Kindest Regards,



Greig Duncan
Hume Coal Project Director



Groundwater Bore Overview – 2018

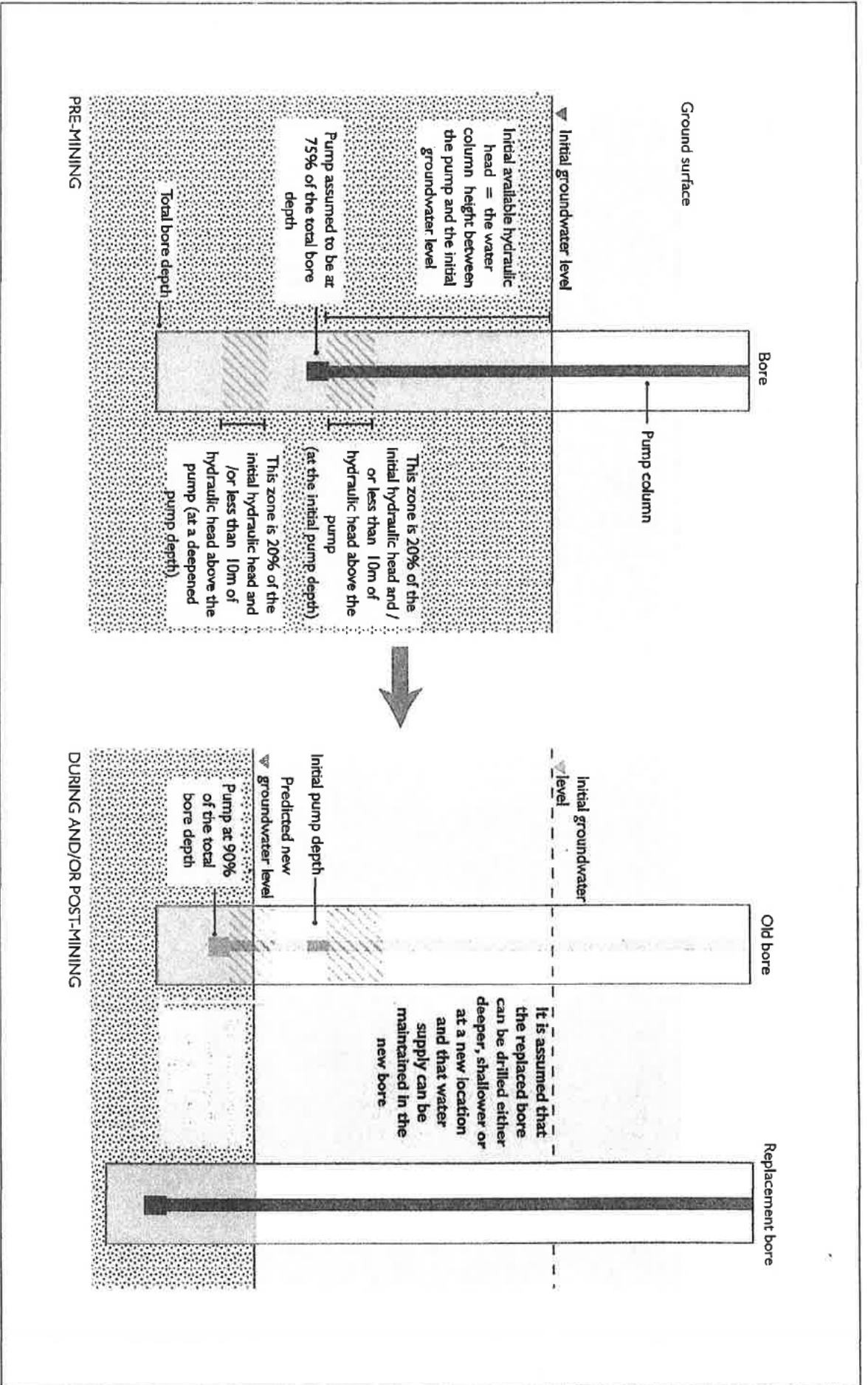
Bore	GW052538
Owner	Pamela Wright Enterprises
Property Address	604 Belanglo Road, Belanglo NSW 2577
Easting / Northing	244625 / 6175333
Licensed Purpose	Stock and Domestic
Proposed mitigation	Replacement bore (S/D)

Bore Details

Initial Standing Water Level (m)	63.51
Screens From (m)	6.6
Screens To (m)	88.0
Total Depth (m)	88.0

Bore Impacts

Project drawdown - max (m)	13.1
Project time to max drawdown (years)	6.5
Project time to 2m drawdown (years)	6.0
Project time to 2m recovery (years)	43.5
Number of years drawdown > 2m (years)	37.5



Make good strategy - replacement bore
 Hume Coal Project
 Drawdown in landholder bores
 Figure 4.3

