

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am the owner and operator of The Hunted Gourmet, a catering business based in Scone for 27 years. Many of my clients are Thoroughbred Breeders in the region, I have served many on a long-term basis. I'm proud to have long associations with both Coolmore and Darley for whom we variously provide, canteen, event and corporate catering.

I employ 5 full time staff, around 10 part time staff and up to 80 casuals for larger jobs - such as the studs' annual Open Days and Stallion Parades and the Scone Cup. I consider the health and sustainability of the 'Equine Critical Industry Cluster' as vital to the ongoing viability of my business.

In my submission I said the proponent's *Land Use Timeline* was inaccurate and misleading and I produced my own version. In their response Anglo say the "The intention of the timeline is to highlight the time frame around significant investment decisions". Yet it doesn't even mention Anglo's purchase of Drayton in May 2000? I maintain the real purpose is to misrepresent the local history of thoroughbred breeding and mining in that area. Dating back to their submission to the draft SRLUP, Anglo have consistently misrepresented the long history of these two studs, falsely claimed that mining predates horses, and said that Coolmore should have known better than to buy next to a coal mine, which of course they never did.

With the benefit of hindsight one could ask if Anglo were aware they were buying a project next to the two biggest thoroughbred breeding operations in the southern hemisphere? No doubt they were, no doubt they didn't consider this to be important as it was long before the Bickham rejection. Pre-Bickham, mining companies did what they liked, went where they wanted and if anyone got in the way, like Bob Oatley, the Government would change the law. But Bickham galvanised the Equine industry into fighting to protect their patch and their future, and they, and others, are now scrutinising the mining companies and their proposals more closely.

In essence what my timeline shows is that :-

Coolmore's ownership pre-dates any Drayton ownership of Drayton South.

Coolmore comfortably pre-dates Anglo American in the Hunter.

Thoroughbred breeding pre-dates any mining 'activity' in the locality.

It shows Woodlands Stud has been a pre-eminent stud farm for well over 100 years and was producing thoroughbreds for 150 years before Drayton even started.

Since the 1980s the two biggest players in the thoroughbred breeding industry have been based at these two properties, as the Arrowfield and Woodlands Studs were, prior to the arrival and rise of first Coolmore and then Darley, the dominant operators.

Woodlands has been home to either a pre-eminent or dominant thoroughbred breeder almost continuously since the 1880's. The list includes Henry White, Edward Blume, George Ryder creator of the Golden Slipper, Lord Derby - breeder of the legendary Slipper winner and sire Marscay, the iconic Ingham brothers who turned Woodlands into the biggest racing and breeding operation in the southern hemisphere, and now Darley. Woodlands is a truly remarkable, historic, heritage laden property without peer in this hemisphere. As the previous PAC found, It does indeed warrant the very highest level of protection.

I also touched on economics in my submission, It seems to me Drayton South is a cross between Monty Python's Black Knight and Norman Lindsay's Magic Pudding, no matter what gets chopped off it's still viable.

The Redbank pit, which Anglo said was fundamental to the economics and without which the project was unviable has gone, however, to Drayton South "tis but a scratch, we're still viable".

Of course the coal price has fallen even further and been adjusted down in the EIS from the bonkers 120 Aussie dollars a tonne to a still ambitious US 82 dollars a tonne, but to Drayton South "it's just a flesh wound, still viable". Indeed they go much further saying in the EIS "historic or current coal prices are not relevant" which is entirely unbelievable but perhaps fortunate for Anglo because the price is down

again to well under US\$60 a tonne, with few analysts predicting a recovery any time soon and others even predicting a low fifties price.

As detailed in tuesday's Fin Review, Chinese coal imports have fallen 31.3% for the first 8 months this year, but no doubt Anglo will say "Another scratch, Drayton's still viable" and In May this year China turned away the only Aussie coal shipment they've ever rejected - 70,000 tonnes from guess who? The Drayton mine, Anglo won't even own up to that.

So all in all Anglo are going to produce less coal, sell it for less money to god knows who, but the Drayton magic pudding will still employ the famous 500. It doesn't add up, I urge you the commissioners to do the right thing and reject this mine.