

I'm Theresa Audretsch, I'm a member of the Wollar Process Association. I live about 17 km up Mogo Ro on the Goulburn River, surrounded by National Park.

I raised my children there and lived there now for 35 years. My children come to visit with friends and family on a regular basis to enjoy and share this place they love.

Even though, I don't live in the village of Wollar, I always regarded myself and my family as part of the Wollar Community and enjoyed and appreciated the services it offered.

The negative social impact over the last 10 years caused by the Wilpinjong Coal Mine and the distraction of Wollar as a community can't be stressed often enough.

We lost a mechanic workshop with extended general store, the service of the district nurse the local Bushfire Brigade with its local members and local knowledge about the countryside around Wollar, so important to fight fires if necessary.

The managing and maintaining of the community infrastructure, including Wollar Hall and Recreation Ground becomes more and more difficult with fewer volunteers, hardly any left in the village. The task of fundraising and looking after these community assets has fallen on people like me who have to drive in and out for meetings and working bees. It also needs to be considered.

I live 15 km in a straight line away from the mining activities but I can hear machinery noise as a constant buss during the day and especially at night. Sometimes the noise increases and I can hear distinct accelerations of engines. It sounds like trucks coming down my road.

Of course with the new extension coming closer the noise level will increase and create more sleepless nights. I don't believe that the noise predictions for the mine extension are correct. The terrain in this area funnels noise.

I strongly object to the proposed changes to the noise assessment criteria in Appendix 6, Condition 1. The proposed exemption for moderate temperature inversion is unfair and not based on any information provided during the assessment process. I also object to Appendix 6 Condition 6 because it is not consistent with the Industrial Noise Policy.

Low frequency noise impacts are a major issue for us. I do not agree with the assessment that low frequency noise is not a large component of noise emissions from the Wilpinjong Mine. It is a real problem where I live.

These changes to the noise assessment conditions are another unfairness and with no consideration towards the remaining residents in the Wollar area. They must be removed.

The impact an extension of Wilpinjon Coal Mine has and will have in future on people outside Wollar Village has not been recognised in the Social Impact Management Plan Condition 68.

Because of the loss of social networks and economic disadvantage caused by the mine I feel already stranded and isolated. I would like the chance to stay or leave depending on the increased impacts from the project.

I ask you that my property No 115 will be included in the condition for Acquisition Rights: Schedule 3, Condition 1, Table 1.

I hope you consider our objections and make a fair decision concerning Wollar and its wider community.

Thank you