

Dear Sir/Madam,

My husband and I are extremely upset with the lack of information we have received even though Whitehaven have continually stated they have consulted with land owners. All we get is a Whitehaven representative turn up (more often than not when I am still at work so I miss most of the conversation) and give us papers to read and when any specific questions have been asked his reply is always "you won't be affected" or it's within the guidelines! We will only be a few hundred meters away from the rail line and also less than 2km from the actual mine site so how will be not be affected?!!

No one has made contact with us to show us exactly where the rail line will be and other neighbours have. We have recently heard property owners around us have been approached to sign confidentiality agreements yet we have not heard a thing.

Whitehaven states all these jobs yet the automated trucks will require one person to operate 10 so there alone will be 9 jobs lost. At the Narrabri site there are more fly in fly out workers than local as the locals cannot keep up, not to mention the local businesses in town loosing staff, they just cannot complete with mine money!

We have worked hard to improve our little hobby farm not only for now but also for the future. We have a tower that Telstra and Optus pay a lease to us, we have paddocks set up for horses for agistment, we also had plans on developing the 50 acres closest to the rail line but we feel there will be no purpose to as the value of our property will decrease.

Another point is how much busier the highway will get. We have seen a great increase in traffic over the last few years. We have a child that catches the bus morning and afternoon and I worry about more congestion on the road.

Again our biggest concerns are the noise, dust and water. We have an excellent stock and domestic bore that has not let us down through the current drought conditions and previous dry periods. We do not want to be in the position where we cannot have the cattle and horses we want because the mines have sucked our bore dry, which has happened! We have several rain water tanks that will be affected. We currently hear the trains in Emerald Hill I am sure they are more than 5km away so I am pretty sure we will be affected by the trains a few hundred meters away!

We are an active outdoor family on our property with our horses. We ride right along the boundary where the rail line will be. There are a lot of large farms that are worried about how the mine and rail line will affect them, we merely have a lifestyle block but one we have worked hard to afford and improve and we do not want our scenery to change into an awful mess of a mine. We purchased our property for the location, just far enough away from it all but having a mine and rail line so close will ruin that!

We STRONGLY OPPOSE to the Vickery Extension project and hope that the government can see through Whitehaven lies and listen to the people that are on the land, use their common sense and see how mining so close to a river is just absolutely crazy, not to mention the numerous families that will be forced to move off their land large or small!

Yours faithfully



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