

I wish to object to the re opening of Dartbrook underground coal mine. I am not anti-mine I am anti Dartbrook mine for the following reasons.

#### Key Objections

1. Historically this mine has proven itself to be an environmental and business failure.
2. Australian Pacific coal has no mining credentials.
3. .Additional pollution from dust/carbon emissions from 200 truck movements /day - adding to already poor Upper Hunter Air quality.
4. Health Implications -train movements through major towns with open carriages carrying coal that has a higher proportion of fine sand they are proposing the coal will not be washed.
5. This proposal is in direct opposition to recommendations that came from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment – see - Hunter regional plan 2036 – Implementation Plan 2016 – 2108
6. Encroachment of mining activities into agricultural land, risking precious waterways that are our lifeline now and into the future. Recent Commonwealth scientific studies on the impacts of coal resource development in the Hunter Region found that hydrological change in the river is likely and needs further study.
7. Loss of visual amenity for residents and jeopardising many existing industries – horse, wine- tourism to name a few .
8. Risk to life -mental health issues working in dangerous environment - unemployment of 99 employees if mine fails.
9. Damage to mining industry reputation
10. Dangerous gas emissions –Australian Pacific Coal’s prediction “not expected to occur” is not good enough.
11. This mine will effect the mental health of Upper Hunter residents who are already reeling from a historical drought.

12. The proposed Dartbrook mine is located in Upper Hunter Local Government Area and is part of the Upper Hunter Green Energy Precinct.

13. The impacts of climate change will not be mitigated if new sources of greenhouse gas emissions are approved in Hunter coal industry expansion.

Thankyou.