

I am Objecting for the following reason's

\* The proposal does not follow the original way of transporting the coal to the loading area. Instead of the Hunter Tunnel they will be using 192 trucks per day five days a week . THIS WAS NOT PART OF THE ORIGINAL CONSENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINE TO OPEN therefore transporting unwashed coal using trucks should not be allowed .

\* The coal has a high dust content and will be transported unwashed , this all adds to the growing concern of our AIR AND WATER QUALITY .

\* Australian Pacific Coal have given no answers or budget to the GAS AND WATER PROBLEMS that exist in this mine and this was the main reason for the mine ceasing production by the previous owners Anglo American who put a lot of time and resources into trying to control this problem without any success , therefore closing the mine in 2006 .

\* The ECONOMICS regarding this mine doesn't add up , the new method of mining ( bord and pillar ), the quality of the coal , the price they will get for the coal , the ongoing maintenance they will have to do , the cost of transport and the ever present gas and water problems . There is no other possible outcome but financial disaster for this mine without looking at a future OPEN CUT MINE, that is the reason Australian Pacific Coal are looking for this Modification to go ahead . This would lead to a very Uncertain and Unhealthy future for Aberdeen , Scone and the surrounding areas .

\*In the words of the CEO of Australian Pacific Coal Mr John Robinson Jnr they will employ ninety nine employees with 70% being local , they will source these LOCAL employees anywhere from Newcastle to Narrabri . I don't regard these regions as LOCAL .

\* At the Community meeting at Aberdeen on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April Mr Robinson Jnr stated that there was no budget or costings on the REHABILITATION of this mine when production ceases , surely this would be one of the requirements with respect to this approval being approved .

With these points in mind I URGE the Department to REJECT this Modification

Regards Darryl Rossington