

To whom it may concern,

As a local resident living on the doorstep of of the mine I strongly oppose the reopening.

I am a Corrimal resident that left Sydney to provide my family with a healthy life. What attracted me to the area is not mining and pollution. It was nature and the community.

I am extremely concerned about the impact of particulate pollution my families health. The close proximity of the colliery to residential areas makes the risk of adverse health impacts associated with coal processing even greater.

My wife is pregnant with our first child, I will not raise a child here and expose them to this type of pollution.

I have read supporting views for the mine that say it will benefit community. Reopening the Russle Vale mine will destroy our community. It will have an adverse effect on the local economy because the noise, traffic, pollution and negative effects on the unique climate of the Wollongong escarpment, Reopening Russle Vale mine will simply drive people away.

The fact that mine threatens drinking water, and has the potential to cause subsidence on the fragile escarpment thus increasing the risk of bushfires, is reason alone to abandon the reopening. Take into consideration the negative effects on health and community, along with Wollongong Coal's Weak Financial Position and High Financial Risk... reopening the mine must not happen.

In the light of the reasons outlined above, the proposed Russell Vale UEP is not in the public interest. I ask that you reject this application from Wollongong Coal and recommend a process to close the mine at Russell Vale permanently.

Adrian Stewart