**OBJECTION: Russell Vale Underground Expansion Project**

The safety and financial history around Wollongong Coal gives no confidence that this company will comply with financial/ environmental guidelines. Adequate funds (not a percentage of the required amount as is currently the case) must be held with Wollongong Council for remediation costs before any work takes place. Not to have such conditions in place would be a gross oversight.

The community is aware that Wollongong Coal wishes to operate the mine between the hours of 7am to 6pm 6 days a week (sometimes during the night) with up to 17 loaded truck movements per hour.

This mine is within meters of schools, aged care facilities within a built-up residential, suburban area.

How many residents must lose their right to uninterrupted, peaceful enjoyment of their own home, be driven to despair by noise/lack of sleep before the situation would be considered UNACCEPTABLE.

Will the benefits that Wollongong Coal claims outweigh the negative impacts to the health, safety, and environment of the many thousands of residents in this area?

Would the members of the IPC currently reviewing this application to re-open and expand this mine be comfortable having it in their own backyards, as is the case for many of the residents of this area?