

Russell Vale Objection

I object to the proposed expansion on environmental, water security and fire safety grounds. After growing up in the Thirlmere area I have witnessed first hand the degradation of Thirlmere Lakes, a vital part of the water catchment, due to damage from mining. And as a pilot working in the Wollongong area I have regularly seen some of the damage already done to the catchment area on top of the Wollongong escarpment. With the proposed expansion to Russell Vale there will be an undeniable negative impact on the water table, resulting in ongoing damage to the environment, and an increased risk of uncontrollable bushfires. Water is an immensely valuable resource, particularly in Australia, and to put even greater stress on our water catchment and our ability to control bushfires for the sake of a mine expansion would be folly.

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