OBJECTION to the;

 Russell Vale Colliery Expansion

Focusing on current World Trends, FACTS and the general publics' increased knowledge of the environment, the above project, is NOT viable !

Russle Vale is in debt. It is not financially viable. At the end of all this, the company WILL walk away, not rehabilitate the land and very few will profit.

The remaining land will be a disaster, in a unique pristine environment.

Jobs lost at the end, could have been adverted, to permanent Renewable Energy, Sustainable jobs – and therefore Social stability and economic stability and cohesion.

Financing of coal, is dramatically reducing, worldwide.

I have personally visited the affected area on a tour by P.O.W.A (Protect Our Water Alliance) a very impressive group, of Doctors and other professions . I have seen the dramatic subsidence, streams lost/disappeared, dead animals eg endangered Turtle. , phenomenal water usage/wastage and listened to impartial experts.

The current climate situation, does NOT allow for industry to use/take vast amounts of water, let alone, threaten our Arid countries’ largest cities, GROWING populations water supply.

There is no guarantee that this mining is safe. It is calculated risk

The Illawarra is already famous for horrific health effects from this industry and the steelworks. Children's developing bodies and brains are very susceptible to the mines’ pollution.

It will, in the NEAR future, prove to be wrong, and those involved, will be on the wrong side of history. The workers children will suffer their parents, selfishness. There are alternatives for employment. Why do blue collar workers, think that it is a god given right, that work should be found for them ?!

The world’s population CANNOT, keep growing, economies CANNOT keep growing, the planet does NOT grow !

Resources are finite

They took, millennia to develop

The human race, has only existed for a microscopic period of the earth's timeline.

We have and ARE still damaging it at a rate that is not sustainable.

This project is not looking at the long-term

It is not looking at the future generations

The workers children

It is a disaster in the making, and we will all be glad to point our fingers in the future, at the culprits and say “we told you so”

Who will bail this company out when it goes into liquidation – the tax payer ?

How much tax payers money is being provided to this project

We know from the world trend, and Current media facts from the Renewables BOOM, that renewables are cheaper and more profitable and NOT depleting and are sustainable, and that coal, doesn't have a future, including Germany's nearing the making of steel, without using coal, cements that point.

We are the laughing stock of the world

What will you do when ALL the coal in the world is gone ?

When all the oil in the world is gone ?

When all the gas in the world is gone ?

That exponentially, gets closer with a growing world population

Oh,I know – Renewables !

Due to FACTUAL REAL Climate Change, and new gas extraction/fracking, which is x30 times worse than coal, it is ludicrous, to approve any more coal mining, let alone giving approval to expansion of current ones.

Thankyou Adrian McLean