I am a neighbour of the Russell Vale mine and a member of the Russell Vale Community Consultative Committee.

There is no information coming from Wollongong Coal WC about the mine, the UEP or their finances.

The equipment at the pit top is antiquated and impacts the community with noise and dust.

WC says they are going to process the coal and then they are going to truck ROM coal.

First they say they will have a truck loading facility and next they are going back to loading off the stockpiles.

Shipping containers were going to be used as sound walls and then proper precast units.

They are going to place the reject material underground and then it’s too problematic.

The creek was required to be realigned then it wasn’t and now they doing it again.

These guys just make it up as they go. Their constant changing and back-flipping is giving me whiplash.

Their mining method is non-caving bord and pillar and then its unpredictable three seam mining.

The subsidence is negligible and next it could be up to 800mm if the Bulli marginally stable pillars collapse.

The states of these pillars are unknown but will be approve any way and have them checked later.

Surface water will be drained from the catchment so the project will be approved without the licences.

Site rehabilitation will cost $215m but the Resources Regulator only holds a bond for $12.5m.

The mine will fill up with water and then spew it out at Russell Vale but that will be dealt with after approval.

The IPC banged on about transparency and then dealt with Dr Gang Li behind closed doors.

WC is approx. $1b in debt but they are going to fund all their obligations under their approval.

The proponent has had the worst record of non- compliance and they are being given further approvals.

This is a joke right. I’ll wake up tomorrow and it will all be gone.

This Wollongong Coal Russell Vale Underground Expansion Project should never be approved and the mine should immediately be closed down and rehabilitated.