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To the independent planning commission,

My name is Chris Waller I am the leading horse trainer in Sydney.

I have been fortunate enough to be the trainer of the last four Australian Horse of the year's, including Winx who was rated the World's Best Racehorse.

I regard the Hunter Valley as being the superior breeding ground in Australia and a great reason for the huge success that Australia has in regards to breeding horses, and their success around the world. Quite simply without this breeding ground, it is not only a huge loss to the breeding industry, but also the Australian export and domestic economy will be greatly impacted.

The bloodstock industry is a very unique economy where it not only creates huge values on livestock, it also creates a huge trading platform where this bloodstock is sold for close to \$1billion each year. The bloodstock economy not only pays taxes but also reinvests within the industry which supports stallions and broodmares enabling the next champions of Australia and the world to be produced.

We are all very aware of the importance of the mining industry and the jobs and income that they create but with the size and scale of Australia, it is simply common sense to grant permission for mines away from intense farming areas such as the Malabar proposal.

The experts will give you other reasons as to why the consent should not be given but I am stating simple facts that the horse industry will be severely jeopardised as a result of poor environmental planning.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Waller', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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