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To the Independent Planning Commission,

My name is Gerard Middleton and I am employed by Tabcorp in the role of Media Presenter.

Working for the largest contributor to the thoroughbred racing industry means I take a huge interest in various stakeholders, and bodies I feel represent the essence of the industry.

Coolmore is certainly one of those. Horse racing relies on stud farms such as Coolmore to help facilitate the dreams of thousands of breeders, owners and many other participants.

I would like to state my objection to the proposed Maxwell Underground Coal Mine, and if I could please ask the Commissioners to reject the mine.

The water related impacts would be devastating to the farmland at Coolmore. Underground mining impacts are difficult to predict because they are unseen. The damage could go undetected for some time, and eventually be catastrophic.

Also I am very concerned for the horses as their hearing is more sensitive than humans. They can be quite vulnerable and would certainly react poorly and unpredictably to mining activities such as blasting.

Thankyou for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gerard Middleton