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Maxwell/Drayton South Submission

The presence of a mine adjacent to Coolmore is the basis of great concern to me and my family in terms of our extensive investment in Bloodstock.

Ingham Bloodstock and Woppitt Bloodstock maintain a group of mares that produce in excess of 20 foals a year, each year and they all reside at Coolmore.

Winx in whom we are a part owner, is the best horse of recent times in Australia and was raised on Coolmore at Jerrys Plains. It is not just the best land in Australia to develop quality bloodstock, it is recognised and acclaimed as being amongst the best in the world. That is why we have our stock reside there.

However, should this mine proceed, we will be forced to reconsider and in all likelihood relocate the stock in the best interests of their welfare. The stock is too valuable and risks are too great to not strongly consider doing so. Reluctantly, the preference at this stage is Victoria. We hope it doesn't come to that, but we have to act in the best interests of the stock.

We strongly urge you to continue to protect this area of the Hunter Valley, as your predecessors have. It is too special a place to risk compromising.

Yours sincerely
DEBRA KEPITIS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Kepitis".

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