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Dear PAC Commissioners,

Thank you for listening to the community concerns regarding the Russell Vale mine yesterday. I was not feeling at all well when I spoke and forgot to say a few things, I hope I can add them now to my presentation which is attached below.

I have been following this project since the EA was first published and have made a number of submissions and read pretty much all of the documents.

The message I wanted to give in my presentation was that there is a great deal of detail now written, and that maybe its time to step back and look at the overall picture.

We have a company with risky financials and with a poor track record, proposing to mine in a new way under the water supply area for Sydney.

Do the benefits outweigh the risks? That's the bottom line question and because of the amendment to the SEPP, it is no longer necessary for you to add weighting to the economic considerations.

The operating company has lost nearly all its senior management and retrenched the workers with experience. What kind of operator will the new organisation be?

I am not convinced by the Cataract Dam argument that if a water connection occurred then we would have ten years to install seals. Isn't it better not to take that risk?

I'm also not convinced that the mining will not cause the quality and quantity of our surface water and groundwater to be reduced over time. The consultants providing models are still arguing.

Its surprises me that the Department is willing to approve the expansion, in the light of the overall picture.

Yours sincerely,

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