

Formal Written Submission

by Matthew Phillips of [REDACTED]

Declaration of political donations: I have not made any monetary political donations for the past two years (tried to locate the disclosure form and was unable to).

Let me start by explaining my association with the Russell Vale Mine site; I am the fifth generation of coal miners to work at the Russell Vale Mine Site. I was a Deputy working for NRE for a number of years ending late last year when I was made redundant.

The redundancy has greatly impacted my family financially and emotionally. Although I have been fortunate enough to obtain full time employment, this employment is in Sydney. I have to not only work extended hours but also take jobs away from home often being away for a week on end just to make ends meet. This of course, adds further strain to my family.

Not only has my family worked at the Russell Vale Mine Site over five generation I have also lived for the past 13 years in [REDACTED], even purchasing my own home across the road to our family home (590.90 meters form the site - refer to below map). Previous to living in [REDACTED] my family home was in [REDACTED] (1.2km from the site- refer below map). During that time I haven't been impacted by any noise or coal dust from the Russell Vale Mine Site.

Both my partner and I are more than willing to have monitors/sensors placed in our yard. We also have many of our neighbours who are willing to support the above mentioned lack of impact from noise and dust.

In closing I would like to make two points;

1. The Russell Vale Mite Site is a local Icon; we should be keeping local people in local Jobs. I would be very disappointed to see this local icon and proud source of employment disappear.
2. The Russell Vale Mine Site has be in operation since the 1880's, not one of the current owners of the land surrounding the mine site can say they lived or owned the land personally before the mine site was in operation, therefore they have chosen to live surrounding an existing mine site.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to forward this written submission for review and I hope that assists in ensuring the approval of the expansion.

PAC NOTE: Maps of house location and previous address have been provided below and considered by the PAC. These have been redacted due to privacy reasons.



