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Dear PAC Commissioners,

I have trouble believing that we are having a 3rd round of hearings for this proposal, given the two previous negative findings.

It is a grave waste of our money and adds further uncertainty and loss of investment in the equine and wine industries to be impacted.

I earnestly object to the Drayton Sth proposal because these industries have made it clear they cannot continue if this mine goes ahead. If the

Bickham mine was stopped because it was incompatible with existing rural industries, as then Premier Keneally said, surely this mine should be permanently and finally rejected as it is even more so. Our thoroughbred industry is second only to Kentucky. Why on earth would you risk it?

Of course the tourism industry in that part of the Hunter is all about those two existing rural industries; they shape the landscape and offer a different ambience. Coalmines will only do that in a negative way.

Those three industries: thoroughbred, wine and tourism, also employ many people and those jobs are not subject to the vagaries of global thermal coal markets, which we know have a limited future. Recently we have seen several companies gain approval for their projects and then sack workers. Coal jobs are not secure and should not be considered worth more than the existing longterm jobs offered by those three industries.

The air and water of the Hunter here has been polluted enough; the people, the villages and the land cannot take anymore. Ignoring the impacts by not doing specific regional health issue causation studies does not solve the problem.

It is time for transitioning away from that shortsighted dependence on coal in the runaway boom that led to the ruin of too much of the Hunter, where Planning was missing on the job in taking a cumulative and cautionary approach.

Please reject this proposal.

Please leave the Hunter with more than final voids to look forward to.

Sincerely,
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