

Movie Script

Hi everyone, Welcome to Bulga,

- 1) This is my little part of the world. The South west Gateway to the Hunter Valley from Colo river and Windsor near Sydney.
- 2) These are some views of the village of Bulga on a good day after welcoming rain in the valley.
 - a. our famous Bridge
 - b. The beautiful little Wollemi Brook

Bulga nestled at the foot hills and plains near the Majestic Wollemi National Park. One of the largest in NSW.

2) This the view from my Home. My daughter owns the Wollemi Hills Riding School . Yes, that is fog and rain. Praise the Lord! And not the dust that commonly envelopes our Home

3) This is a view of some of the land to be affected by this Wambo United open cut proposal. This is mostly the United section, with the Wambo section continuing approximately 2klms over the rise towards Jerry Plains. Warkworth use to be a pretty place, with a thriving community before the open cuts. This extension is massive and should not be approved!

4) This is what the United proposal part might look like in twenty three years. The Wambo Extension area will make it substantially larger.

5. The proposal which is the red lines is Only 13klms west, nor west of Singleton. Our prevailing winds Will bring even more dust, regularly to Singleton's residents

6. This map shows the mines between Singleton and Muswellbrook. The cumulative affect is obvious and there are more large proposals waiting on approval. Ridiculous!

7. The next clip shows the whole of the Hunter Valley all the Way to Newcastle with its pristine beaches and lakes. I estimate, the mines represent 3% of the land mass, and growing. Considering the depth of these mines this figure could be easily doubled. 650,000 people now being directly affected.

8. The Nature of the Beast,

a. a shovel loading trucks with dust out of control leaving the mine.

b. This is only one dragline, a football field long, continually producing dust, on **almost a still day**. **Mines keep making Promises they simply Can't keep.** This clip equates to about 5 minutes of operation. The proposed extension will unearth 2500 million tons of overburden.

c. The Wollemi National Park, approximately 100metres high, acts like a Dam collecting the dust. Bulga is in the distance at the foot hills.

d. Other obvious sources of dust on a windy day.

e. This is the pollution created over a twelve hour period, by one part of one mine. A still morning with Singleton off in the distance. This cloud of pollution is approximately 6kml long and 1.5klms

wide, drifting towards mount Thorley industrial area where hundreds of men and women work daily, and then onto Singleton, with a population of about 25k people.

f. This is another still morning view of what we commonly experience. The sources are clearly evident. The Wambo United extension is North west of Bulga.

This clip shows clearly the extent of pollution, which I believe was created over an estimated 24 to 48hour period in still conditions. This mine is west, south west of Broke and Polkolbin, which is similar to the position that the Warkworth extension is to Singleton.

Based on the figures I have estimated, of this one machine has the capacity to easily create 144tons of air born dust every 24hour period, on most given days, except after considerable rain.

These are further examples of multiple dust sources from mines, on a still day, near Muswellbrook showing the cumulative effect on this Community.

At 10.30pm on the 30th of January, the Pm10 level at Muswellbrook was 50, that's in the red zone, meaning people should not be outside breathing the air. Singleton is in a similar position, and this extension will only add to this dilemma.

Not before to long, it won't be safe for children to play outside in the playgrounds at their schools.

g. These mines are clearly affecting underground water sources that feed our bores and water ways.

9. The State of the beautiful Wollemi Brook. Wambo regularly drew large unmetered amounts of water from her, to wash coal.

10. This the mighty Hunter River. The pressure on this ecosystem is crippling.

The mine states, it will make minor contributing impacts to alluvial ground water. Thousands of acres torn up, coal mined and washed. Simply rubbish.

The mine says it has adequate water licences. I ask, "from where and at what further expense to our environment and this critically sensitive ecosystem."

11. If coal is to stay, What is the Solution?

" Underground Mining Only," provided it is sited away, from known water sources either above or below ground and the alluvial land associated with these water ways protected. "

I believe what the plaque says.

Mining Nature and the Environment can co exist. If done responsibly.

12. This is the Burragorang Valley, The catchment of Sydney water supply. Mined for over eighty years underground.

Towns nearby like Nattai Bulli, Oakdale, the Oaks, Camden all thriving and living a potentially healthy and prosperous life. Woollongong and the South Coast, Appin and inland near Picton, Newcastle and the lower Hunter all continue underground mining with little ill affect to the environment compared to Open cut Operations..

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13 The Hunter Valley can be returned to its former beauty.

- a. Vineyards
- b. Tourism
- c. Horse breeding
- d. Conventional farming practices, like hay production, dairies, beef production or simply choosing a rural lifestyle.

This is Mirrobrodale, a stunning place and a very precious and important, neighbouring community to Bulga.

Many of the Bulga children attend the Mirrobrodale primary school.

14 Jerry Plains, This shows clip shows, just a little, of the enormous commitment of the Horse Breeding Industry in the Hunter Valley

Iv'e heard This billion dollar Horse stud Industry is seriously considering packing up and moving interstate, **if this madness for coal and profits continues**. If the horse industry did leave, it would devastate the future of the Hunter Valley and something we hope never happens.

Please, Please, never allow this beautiful land of Jerrys Plains, Warworth, Denman, Merriwa, Wybong Valley or any further part of NSW. to fall victim to Open cut Mining.

Ring or email your state member Today. Ask for a moratorium on open cut mining to be immediately instigated. Stop any more, open cut mines being approved or extended.

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15. This is further stunning views near Doyles Creek and the Hunter River towards Denman. It is also a mix of horse studs and traditional farming. This land should never be ripped up. The land on the other side of this highway, belongs to the mines, I believe.

Isn't God a show off. This is the magical Bylong Valley. A perfect example of farming and a pristine rural ecosystem. This is what the Hunter Valley use to somewhat look like, before open cut mining. Some may be aware, many are not that incredibly the NSW government is considering a new open cut mine, owned by a foreign mining company, in this gorgeous valley.

Complete Madness for Money. NSW please wake up before its to late for our children and theirs.

From the mountains of Wollemi National Park you can clearly see the source of dust coming from the mines owned by Glencore and Yancoal.

Bulga is potentially about to be seriously affected, **by what should only be seen as an illegal extension of Mt Thorley mine.** Please stand with us in this fight.

17. With the enormous removal of overburden required, Open cut mining is very dangerous to our health and our environment and communities cannot sustain its reckless methods.

There is a viable alternative and the companies are more than capable of going down that path. Viable mining , while value adding to our community both economically and ecologically, just makes good sense.

Our well being and the future of our children, is more important than, The NSW Government, company profits, shareholders or money.

**Please act today to stop this Madness and destruction of the Hunter Valley and NSW,
Where we live work and play.**

Thankyou.