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Attention
Ms A Clark
Chair IPC Panel
Russell Vale Colliery
Underground Expansion Project

Dear Ms Clark

## RUSSELL VALE UNDERGROUND EXPANSION PROJECT

Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 26 October 2020 resolved to write to the Independent Planning Commission to object to the Russell Vale Underground Expansion Project on the basis of community concerns of increased heavy vehicle traffic, dust, noise, threat to the drinking water catchment, Aboriginal heritage sites and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as Wollongong Coal's poor track record on workplace safety, debt servicing and operating compliance.

Council also requests that if the project is approved then the conditions should require:

- The completion of infrastructure at Russell Vale Colliery to protect residents from particulate and noise pollution before any coal is extracted.
- The fulfilment of outstanding consent conditions of the 1989 and 1990 development approvals for Russell Vale mine operators, including the payment of security bond to Wollongong Council, the remediation of the Russell Vale Emplacement Area to an agreed final landform and the dedication of the parcel of golf course land to Council.

Should you require further information please contact Mr Mark Riordan, Manager Development Assessment & Certification on telephone (02) 4227 7111 or via email mriordan@wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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