

I oppose this extension.

I am the closest neighbour to the Dendrobium pit top and I have witnessed first-hand their inability to abide by environmental conditions and their failure to self-monitor.

South 32 have failed to monitor noise correctly for a significant period of time, when made to monitor as per their consent they exceeded or were not compliant with the noise criteria for 5 consecutive quarters. There were no consequences for these exceedances. I do not believe South 32 can operate within noise criteria. I note that the recommended consent INCREASES noise limits and REMOVES the right of residents to have their properties voluntarily acquired should Dendrobium exceed the limits. If this extension is approved then noise limits must be decreased and specific criteria for voluntary acquisition included in the consent. Dendrobium's continual exceeding of its noise limits has had a debilitating effect on my family.

The Dendrobium operation results in significant dust of unknown composition. It is unknown because amazingly they do not conduct dust monitoring on their closest neighbours' properties. The dust is excessive and South 32 refuse to clean it up. If this extension is approved then in the consent it should specify that all the mines' closest neighbours must have regular dust monitoring.

The increases in traffic are completely unacceptable. This is a suburb of Wollongong with one street in and out. To increase traffic by 45% as proposed by South 32 is ridiculous.

The proposal to build a 100 car carpark outside of the current mine's footprint, in the Illawarra escarpment, in what is now bushland, is a disgrace. South 32 should be made to bus employees up from existing vacant industrial sites or similar, of which there are many within a 10 minute drive of the mine. I cannot believe we are considering destroying bushland in the Illawarra escarpment to build carparks. This should be removed from the proposal, there are many alternatives.

The damage to the water catchment is unacceptable, as is the contribution to greenhouse gases that will result from the project.

Let Dendrobium continue till its current consent expires, whilst a start is made on transitioning to industries that will actually give my children and grandchildren jobs. South 32 will close or sell off Dendrobium as soon as they are not making enough money and these workers will be left without jobs and no plans for the future.

Rest assured South 32's priority here is maximum profit- not the environment, the community, their workers or the future of the Illawarra.

