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Dear IPC,

I don't understand why SIMEC has been given the opportunity to provide further additional information after they have already submitted their application. If the IPC has found that their submission does not adequately address key environmental issues (i.e. such as GHGE) then this should be reason enough to stop the submission from going ahead.

Environmental studies have already been taken out over the years as to how the mine has seriously affected local waterways through cracking and POLLUTION by high levels of toxic materials which have come directly from the mine. When the mine was asked to clean this up in the past, they obviously gave reassurances that that would happen but it was found that they hadn't cleaned it up at all. They weren't even fined for neglecting their responsibilities. The IPC can ask SIMEC for additional information and they will word it in a way that shows them as being genuinely concerned and proactive but their actions in the past have proven otherwise. Simec can not be trusted. The IPC should base their decision on not what the mine WILL DO but on their actions so far. If the IPC has read all of the environmental impact studies (which are damning) then it is without a doubt that this mine has not and will not put environment over profits.

This company is under investigation at the moment and may go into liquidation. This company can't even manage their own financial affairs and as said by themselves they were running at a loss last year. What makes you think environmental impacts will rank high on their priority list?

I ask that you please put environmental and cultural concerns and those of the local residents first. For too long this mine has been allowed to get away with too much and has destroyed many local, natural areas that locals love. Please take into consideration that this mine will only operate until 2030 - 2035 as stated by SIMEC themselves so those employed now will still be out of a job in the long run yet our suburb and area will live with the devastating impacts for many years to come. If we put a stop to this now then we can work to fix the problems already created by the mining company before it is too late.

Our community may not make millions of dollars for the government but we love our area and we love our homes (our biggest and for many only investment). Many residents, including myself, have been stressed not knowing what is going to happen to our homes. Yes the mines may not be mining directly under many homes at the moment but we will still get subsidence damage from longwalls nearby and who is to say that our homes won't be affected in future submissions. This whole saga is taking a huge toll on locals, especially when we have seen first hand how homeowners affected in neighbouring Tahmoor and Thirlmere have been badly treated when trying to apply for subsidence damage (years and

years of heratache).

I hope this submission doesn't fall on deaf ears.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Byrne (Local resident and local primary school teacher)

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