

To the Independent Planning Commission. 22/2/2022

This is an objection to the proposed Whitehaven underground mine stage 3 extension.

I am Garry Martin a sheep and cattle farmer and live on the property 'The Bulga' and share a boundary with the southern end of Whitehaven's underground stage three extension.

My objection is twofold.

1. **The effect of climate change** to which coal mines such as Whitehaven contribute has been devastating to farming businesses like mine. The records show that it is getting hotter and drier and droughts therefore more severe and predicted to become more frequent. During the last drought I ran out of water and had to cart both water for what remained of my stock as well as domestic water. The approval of this mine will help lock in more of the same and worse for longer.  
**It would therefore be irresponsible to approve this extension that will last only to 2044.**

2. **Noise from the ventilation infrastructure** to be constructed on the southern end of the stage three extension is apparently going to impact me if my interpretation of the Departments Assessment report is correct.  
On page 78 and 79 of the Assessment they mention that Whitehaven has advised the Department there are two receivers (670a and 675a) located close to the new ventilation complexes. I assume I am one of these numbers and my neighbour the other as we are the closest 'receivers' to this ventilation complex.  
The assessment report goes onto say, *'Whitehaven has advised (the Department) it has entered into private agreements with the owners of both these residences such that they would accept these exceedances. If? I am one of the receivers mentioned above then this is not true as I have never entered into an agreement with Whitehaven about accepting noise exceedances, nor have I been approached.*

**Again if? I am one of the receivers mentioned above then Whitehaven has misled the Department of Planning and on these grounds alone approval to proceed with the project should not be granted until they have an agreement with me.**

Yours Sincerely



Garry Martin  
The Bulga.  
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