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Dartbrook Coal Mine - Modification 7 (DA 231-7-2000 MOD7)

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Submission form

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NSW

2337

Please select the reason for your submission *

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Submission

(My husband)

My husband has been a medical practitioner in the upper Hunter for 63 years, and have already seen the destruction & health hazards caused by mining in this once beautiful valley.

More than enough damage has already been done and the population and environment can no longer stand any further destruction caused by another open cut mine.

The agricultural pursuits in this area are world wide renowned. They should be able to continue and flourish as should our Hunter River. Every person is responsible for the future of our environment.



WE'RE DETER-MINED TO PROTECT THE UPPER HUNTER!

Friends of the Upper Hunter is a group of parents, grandparents, farmers and business people from Aberdeen, Scone, Muswellbrook and surrounds who are concerned about a new mining proposal currently before the Independent Planning Commission.

We wanted to make sure that you, your family, friends and neighbours are aware of what's being proposed and how you can voice your concerns.

Australian Pacific Coal, an untried mining company, has applied to reopen the Dartbrook Underground Mine.

You're probably aware that this mine was mothballed in 2006 by experienced miners, Anglo American, after three deaths and persistent issues with gas, spontaneous combustion and flooding. You also probably know that the coal handling plant for this mine is just 1.3km from Aberdeen.

We'd like to know how this untried company can manage the risks that a far more experienced company couldn't? Can they keep our community, our local workers and our environment safe?

We're also very concerned that Australian Pacific Coal has made it clear this will support its plans for a 370 million tonne open cut coal mine right on the doorstep of Aberdeen and the Hunter River.

We believe their underground proposal is the thin end of the wedge.

We think our region is already at a tipping point in terms of the number of mines it can safely sustain.

We're seeing worrying air quality problems that threaten the health of residents, heavy burdens on our scarce water resources and threats to other local industries including farming and tourism.

We need to have balance.

If, like us, you want to protect the communities of Aberdeen, Muswellbrook, Scone and surrounds, our productive farmland, our air and our water so we have something left for the future – tell the Independent Planning Commission NO!

Your submission can be as simple as a single paragraph. You can keep your name and address confidential. But please help us to make sure our community has a voice.

Will you join us?

Visit www.nodartbrook.com
to lodge your objection by **9 April 2019**.

Need to make a postal objection? Complete the form on the reverse side of this letter and return it to:

The Independent Planning Commission
Dartbrook Coal Mine Modification 7 (DA 231-7-2000 MOD7)
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street Sydney NSW 2000