

## **OBJECTION Rix's Creek South Continuation of Mining Project SSD 6300**

Yet another proposal to encourage the continuation of Coal Mining in the Hunter Valley to the detriment of local citizens and in the face of accelerating Global Climate Change

As the world's largest coal exporter Australia is in the unique position of having the power to affect the transition from fossil fuels to clean alternatives.

The Upper Hunter is now over saturated with open cut coal mining impacts. No additional impacts can be tolerated. No more final voids should be approved.

There is no protection from local impacts in that residents of Camberwell have not been granted acquisition rights despite the emissions in the area doubling and re-doubling over recent years.

Australian standards for SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>3</sub> are outdated, and currently exceed the World Health Organisation's recommended thresholds. Much stricter standards have been adopted in most other countries, including the US, EU, and China. Health costs to NSW and unfortunate citizens are not included in the cost/benefit analysis of coal mining projects. If they were the public benefits would not exceed the costs.

Assessment of projects is very clearly biased toward the mining industry without due concern for Duty of Care to citizens.

Now more than ever, sanity should prevail

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