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To Mary O'Kane, Chair, Independent Planning Commission of NSW:

Submission of objection to Rix's Creek South Continuation of Mining Project SSD 6300

I object to this mine continuing especially because of its adverse impact on air quality in the area. Air pollution at Camberwell and North West Singleton regularly exceeds the national standards. The assessment of air pollution from Rix's Creek Mine has been identified as inadequate by the Department of Planning after the publication of their final assessment report stating the opposite.

The cumulative health costs of mining in the Upper Hunter have not been included in the costs benefits analysis. This is a critical factor, not to be discounted; jobs and the public benefit of the project do not outweigh the public costs.

As the closest mine (5kms) to Singleton, this should not be assessed under achievable noise criteria; proposed criteria are too high and will result in health impacts. Singleton and the Upper Hunter are oversaturated with open cut coal mining impacts and cannot tolerate more.

Camberwell residents have suffered/still suffer dreadful air and noise pollution and yet have not been protected by property acquisition rights. They must be acknowledged as more than the collateral damage of this industry.

There are glaring inadequacies in assessments done for this mine continuation, and these should be remedied before any approval. Such as:

- * the cumulative impact of disturbance over approx. 2,000 ha land has not been adequately assessed for water, final voids, biodiversity, Aboriginal cultural heritage, air and noise pollution, greenhouse gas emissions or for negative social and health impacts;

- * the impact of loss of key connective habitat for threatened species such as the Squirrel Glider has not been assessed; the biodiversity offset arrangements are incomplete;

- * many other assessments are incomplete, as for the second cut and cover tunnel under the New England Highway.

Policy application by the Department of Planning seems inconsistent. The Rix's Creek mine expansion has not been assessed under the current Policy for Industrial Noise 2017 but has been assessed under the regulations of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

One has to wonder why.

As a grandmother, may I also remind Commissioners that an additional 72 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year is inexcusable when it is urgent to reduce global warming.

Thank you for considering my points.

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