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SUBMISSION

Proposed planning changes to NSW mining policy

“Have your say”-who will listen, read and to what extent do such proposed changes effect the current situation.

- (a) “...Extension to include an additional 19 properties.” It is implied that the coal seam gas and mining will be expanded to include 19 additional properties or such properties will be added to properties that are protected from the mining and gas activities? The statement is unclear and could possibly be interpreted as intentionally deceptive.
- (b) Subject to the inclusions aforementioned, to what degree are the current zones expansive? What area specifically are we reviewing? The so called ‘Viticulture Critical Industry Cluster’ (so named to confuse any objections) exists throughout the state in numerous localities. I believe in this case, you may be referring to The Hunter Valley’ which would include the most important rural areas along the ‘Bucket way’ and ‘Thunderbolt Highway.’ Such areas must be preserved forever. Mining and Gas extraction will destroy it and move on within 30 years.

Should we preserve this area and leave the underground wealth for the energy needs of our future generations, if required?
- (c) It would appear “only minor modifications,” conflicts with (b) above, “no modifications”. Currently the existing roads subject to maintenance in parts are sufficient. The railway already passes through these areas. Built and paid by taxpayers.
- (d) On “EXHIBITION” where and notified to whom? This section is certainly not meant for the understanding of many concerned parties. It refers to a time where deception has become the norm. The virus of corruption has possibly tainted the lives of all and sweeps throughout the community. Greed is a driving force.

Also the interests of foreign nations to own and control our resources, without check, has stripped Australia of much of its sovereignty.

- (e) Of recent, Germany has followed many other nations in banning fracking for at least five years as it has established problems exist with the underground water reserves. This procedure must be banned. In the not so distant past the 'significant development criteria', subject to approval, was in the hands of the land owners. It was classified for any development application i.e. Rural area. These matters must carry weight with any development criteria. Not only for individuals but extended to regional communities.

In conclusion your statement "we will publish your submission online...". Is this a threat, a blessing or just a promise! I trust the Planning and Environment Commission will act with honesty and integrity?

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