

Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group

“State Environmental Planning Policy Review 2015”



A community-based group looking to address Environmental issues affecting Singleton Shire residents

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We seek identification as to what is making our Children and Community Sick so they can be mitigated by OH&S Compliance Orders.

SSHEG Focus on Health

SSHEG is Not Anti Mining or Anti Power Stations

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SSHEG considers that current 2015 State Environmental Planning Policy almost exclusively fails to incorporate SEPPs that mandate or consider Human Disease Risks and Hazards posed by developments such as “*Cumulative Health Impact Studies and Health Risk Assessments*”; such as posed by Open Cut Mining and Coal Fired Power Stations in the Hunter Valley.

If State Environmental Planning Policy established Human Disease Impacts especially of “*Rural Residents as Near Neighbours*” at the Project Initiation Stage, then a controlled development is more likely to gain a “Social Licence” and Community acceptance.

The Human Diseases reported by Singleton Shire Residents prompted the establishment of SSHEG in 2008.

Special Reference should be made to *Attachment 1* which details and summarises SSHEG documents and collaboration with Authorities and Stakeholders since 2009 to resolve these Community Health Issues.

Thanking you in anticipation of your acknowledgement

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Attachment 1 SSHEG Document May 2015 “*Review of Hunter Valley Mining Dialogue 2011 to 2014*”