

## **Submission to the NSW Government**

### **Planning and Assessment of New Mining, Petroleum Exploration and Production and Extraction Industry Projects**

#### **Government's Corporate Social Responsibility**

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#### **Introduction**

In August of 2014 and again in June 2015 I reminded in submissions to the NSW government's independent Planning and Assessment Commission their responsibility to provide good corporate governance. My submissions detailed their responsibility to provide an environmental assessment, an economic assessment and a sociology assessment for all new proposed mining projects. Historically the Planning and Assessment Commission have only considered environmental assessment throwing in as a weight the economic benefit by quoting the mining investment.

It is therefore comforting to know that the Planning and Assessment Commission and the NSW Government have taken notice of my recommendations to change legislation to include economic and social assessment of new mining ventures proposed for assessment. It is expected and sad that the NSW ignorant public servants have plagiarised my ideas without remuneration to a clever and inspiring geoscientist and commercial genius. This person has been unemployed for over eight years because his thoughts and ideas are out in front of everybody (the loneliest place in Australia). This is expected of the authoritarian republican fascist dictatorship found in local, state and federal governments in Australia today with the public service dictating policy. This would not happen in a true democracy where political parties produce policy and put these policies to the people at an election. Where is the Governor who is supposed to govern the Australian Constitution?

Historically the Planning and Assessment Commission has got approvals wrong. The Coalpac application west of the Castlereagh Highway should have been approved because there are no pagodas west of the highway and mining does not cause pagodas to fall over; high winds do.

The Alkane Resources mining application approved by the Planning and Assessment Commission did not consider the best method of processing the rare earth minerals and approved acid manufacture and extraction using the most deadly acids known to man right in the heartland of agriculture and right next door to a zoo with no

consideration for the production of acid rains. No one knows who will be awarded the contracts to build the processing plant at the Zirconia Mines and how much will be spent in Dubbo. No one knows how many people in Dubbo will be employed and how many apprenticeships will be awarded to people from Dubbo. What effect will the increase in prices of food, housing and rents have on the unemployed and those already in poverty?

The Newcrest Mine in Orange certainly increased suicide and murder rates and increased the price of food, housing and rents subsequently increasing the number of people in poverty in Orange, NSW. There was no investigation or social report conducted. Therefore there was no sociological report conducted for the people of Dubbo with the Zirconia Mine proposal. Dubbo has the highest unemployed aboriginal population in NSW. Who cares?

Now we realise that the granting of the Wakefield Coal Mine on the Breeza Plains in NSW has been conducted only by environmental assessment by the Planning and Assessment Commission. There has been no economic assessment of the value of the coal to another country, China in comparison to the value of these unique soils to Australian agriculture. The global population views Australia as one of the main food bowls of the world. All global agricultural soils are unique and are considered a scarce resource.

Therefore there is a clear case for the inclusion of economic and social assessment to be conducted for all mining applications. It has taken the NSW public service for the penny to drop. Too long it seems, leading intelligent people to believe the NSW public service to be completely inept.

The proposed changes to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extraction Industries) 2007, NSW by removing clause 12AA leads me to believe that major restructure of legislation is required to accommodate economic and social responsibilities by government for the people.

The planning and assessment of new mining projects should implement the following recommendations.

The government's job is to bring prosperity to ALL Australians.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the NSW government ministers approve all development applications based upon the economic, social and environmental reports written by the NSW public servants.

2. That the public servants collect original data, interpret the original data and make written and verbal reports and recommendations to NSW Government Ministers.
3. That this process is adopted in line with true democratic practice. The people of NSW elected their local member to government; the decision makers.
4. That family economy is given priority in all decision made by government ministers. Not the State or Federal economy which are non human entities.
5. That the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 be amended by replacing the word "Environmental" with "State" and include three divisions within the Act; environmental, economic and social. Therefore the ministers elected by the people can arrive at the triple bottom line by assessing three reports submitted by public servants and make an informed decision for the people that elected them to bring prosperity to ALL the people.
6. That the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000 NSW include the procedures for the public servants to follow in providing original data, analysis of the data and interpretations and recommendations and regulations for the mining, petroleum and extraction industries to follow.
7. That the NSW Government complies with all Federal legislation and the NSW public servants do not usurp Federal legislation. Australia is still a federation and the formation of a centralised republican government is a breach of the Australian Constitution. The majority of people in the majority of State voted against a republic. One may ask where the General who governs the Australian Constitution is.

## **Economic**

8. That the NSW public servants assess the priority of industries with regards to protecting unique scarce resources such as soils, aquifers and forests. The industry with the highest value to the Australian people; not the Chinese but to the global population who depend on Australia's food bowl. Some mines should be underground. The technology is there, so use it.
9. That the development application includes all costings for the project.
10. That the development application includes who will be awarded the construction contracts.
11. That the development application includes who will be awarded the contracts to mine, process the ore, haulage and service contracts.
12. That local business is awarded the contracts to build the infrastructure. There are plenty of diverse skilled workers within every shire boundary throughout NSW. Highly skilled IT specialists living in Lithgow are overlooked by Council and big business within the Greater Lithgow Shire. These highly skilled business men and women are operating on "Struggle Street".

13. Those locally skilled workers are employed in building the infrastructure. The Lithgow TAFE College has the skills to train people for these development applications to be built locally.
14. That all the locally unemployed workers are employed in the construction of infrastructure. People should never be allowed to forget how to work. The unemployed are skilled with their white, yellow, blue, green, rainbow coloured cards and first aid certificates.
15. That the number of apprentices to be employed is stated in the development application for the construction and future employment.
16. Those indigenous apprenticeships are offered and stated within the development application.
17. That people over the age of 50 are offered work and the number is stated in the development application.
18. That the development application states the number of man hours the infrastructure will require for construction.
19. That the government allow the construction to be undertaken around the clock to minimise the cost of construction employing as many people as possible over a short period of time. The Jehovah's Witnesses can build a kingdom Hall within two days upon a slab of concrete. Cost this out with wages to everyone and it costs less than a suburban dwelling of the same size. Include time and a half and double time on weekends and it is still cheaper. Why?
20. That the development has four gangs of workers working 6 hours at the "coal face" during construction around the clock.
21. Those Australian made goods are used in the construction of the infrastructure. We have seen overseas companies dump second grade steel into Australia. The public servants have been very slow to react.
22. That 75% of all workers on the mine site are residents of the shire before the application has been granted.
23. That the cost of the assessment be the responsibility of the NSW Government.
24. That the approved projects comply with regulations that specify the contracts and employment conditions.
25. That the State Government public servants monitor the regulations in the field.

## **Environmental**

26. That the public servant go into the field and collect at first hand all the relevant data necessary for an environmental assessment of the project. This includes sampling a three dimensional grid across the proposed site. Data

from other reports is irrelevant and contaminates the study. This includes the basic data of measuring the temperature, air pressure and sampling all the soil horizons, aquifers, rocks, plants, microbes and atmosphere across a three dimensional grid.

27. That the environment includes above and below the ground surface and includes all terraced aquifers and the Earth's ONE atmosphere.
28. That all terraced aquifers are mapped with the recharge and discharge points located and the flow of water through the aquifer measured.
29. That no hazardous chemicals are used in exploration or construction above or below the ground surface.
30. Examination of the environment above older historical mining ventures is required to cross reference the environmental effect of proposed mining ventures. These studies should be conducted by NSW public servants.
31. The public servants should be required to determine the cause of damage to the environment; pagodas fall over due to high winds not mining; hanging swamps will naturally plug fractures with clay and peat; hanging swamps rely on natural springs during dry periods.
32. That all plant and animal populations should be mapped and population densities measured.
33. That all threatened and endangered species should be identified and population densities mapped.
34. That the environmental architecture should be mapped in three dimensions.
35. That the habits and niches that comprise the environmental architecture should be mapped.
36. That a model of the environmental architecture prior to white man 19<sup>th</sup> century destruction be constructed.
37. That this model is the standard best practice for rehabilitation of the environmental architecture.
38. That the cost of assessment of the environment across the proposed site is the responsibility of the NSW State Government.
39. That the cost of assessing the impact of current mining is the responsibility of NSW Government and the mining company.
40. That the cost of rehabilitation is the responsibility of the mining company.
41. That the government's public servants be required to inspect and approve the rehabilitation of the environmental architecture back to pre 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture.
42. That indigenous people be employed to provide expert advice on the rehabilitation of the environmental architecture back to pre 19<sup>th</sup> century white man destruction.
43. That the public servants place a monetary value on the environmental architecture. In some cases the economic value of the environment will be far

greater than the mineral wealth below the surface. In this case underground mining will be the only option to preserve rare natural resources such as agricultural soils. Therefore the method of mining will be a key factor in preserving the valuable natural resources; long wall mining versus pillar and post mining. The pillar and post of the 100 year old oil shale mine at Mt Airly in NSW has no effect on the environmental architecture. There is one expansion fracture which is not responsible for the fall of pagodas.

## **Social**

44. That legislation is formulated to bring prosperity to ALL the people in the shire. The family economies is the most important economy in Australia because if the family economy can look after itself then this places less financial pressure on all three tiers of government. Governments in Australia are doing too much and consequently socialising the whole community. The Australian people do not want a socialist or communist government but true democracy. We have in Australia an authoritarian republican fascist dictatorship in clear breach of the Australian Constitution. The General who governs the Australian Constitution is sitting on his big fat lazy ass. The public servants from all three tiers of government have too much decision making power in clear breach of the Australian Constitution.
45. That the legislation provides regulations that stipulate a project based organisational culture and not the formulation of a pyramid social organisational culture that is inefficient and costly to the community and industry.
46. That the public servants undertake a social study of the impact of the proposed application on the local community. This includes the possible cause of increased unemployment, suicide, lack of social infrastructure, lack of skills required for the project and increases in prices of goods and services due to an increase in supply and demand.
47. That the public service be required to provide the Ministers with a forecast of future community needs with regards to health, education and transport infrastructure.
48. That the public servants be required to provide costings for future infrastructure required because of the approval of the new venture.
49. That the public servants provide projections of population growth within the shire and projections of financial requirements for the future.
50. That the public servants provide the source for the additional government funding to provide for future infrastructure for the shire.

51. Those across all the three tiers of governments need to provide less quantity and more quality of service to the people of NSW. Strong family economies can look after themselves very well thank you very much without the socialism so prevalent in today's society. The seating in trains is shocking and the customer service across all three tiers of government is deplorable and intolerable.
52. That all public servants are placed in project teams of no more than five people with a project leader.
53. That there is no pyramidal hierarchy supervision except by computer programs. The World Wide Web and the internet have flattened the pyramid hierarchy of supervision. Use it.
54. That the Minister of each department specifies what project teams are formulated with specific targets and completion dates.

I therefore recommend to the NSW State Government that all my 54 recommendations be adopted so that prosperity can be brought to all the people in NSW and Australia and stop the division of social groups and the increase in poverty so prevalent throughout Australian society.

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