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RE: Submission on the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extraction Industries) Amendment (Significance of Recourse) 2015 Draft Mining SEPP Amendment

I strongly agree with the recently proposed Mining SEPP amendment from the Planning Minister Stokes.

This proposal is the initial step in restoring my faith in our planning and legislative system; a system that should be undeniably just, transparent, fair and reflect the values that our rich democratic society is renowned for.

I suggest that further amendments should be considered, especially in the areas of social impact guidelines and the reimplementation of the zones that were not to be mined as specified in the Strategic Land Use Plan. My youngest daughter is now 15 years old. She has spent the last 5 years of one of the most important periods of a person's development in the unsettling state of insecurity in regards to her home. The roller-coaster of "yes we will be OK to stay in our family home", "to no we can't stay", "to maybe we can" quite taxing. My husband and I moved here 19 years ago. As my husband's job was a Town Planner, he was quite able to investigate the impact of mines in Bulga with view to further development. We were satisfied that the protection of the ridge would protect our family from future potential mining impacts, so we purchased some of the family land and our children grew to be the 7<sup>th</sup> generation to live here. My husband and I are professionals and have raised our children to contribute to the betterment of Australian society. Our daughter is becoming a doctor and our son is doing a business degree. The four of us have payed taxes and enjoy contributing to local community by volunteering our time and skills. The thought of not being able to sell our home and not being able to live comfortably in it due to mining impacts has impacted on our health.

I write all this as I am not a professional in the planning field but feel that giving a voice to my youngest daughter is important, as her future study and living options will be most impacted.

In summary, thank you for considering the proposed Mining SEPP amendments from Planning Minister Stokes.

Yours Faithfully



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