

YOUR VIEWS				
Cullen Bullen Coalpac Consolidation Project				
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Question 1				
Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Support	Strongly Support	Unsure
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Question 2				
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The entire project would be to the detriment of the whole village. Loss of habitat. Devaluation of homes. Quality of life. Quality of water. Loss of agricultural land. No longer a visual aspect.	Cemetery. All caves and rocks around Cullen Bullen. Blasting. Animals in bush.	More apprenticeships available. Local jobs. Untouched cemetery. Transport at Invincible Hill to be monitored for winter.	Blasting, damages to homes.	Damage to the native flora & fauna, devaluation of my property & business, visual impact of open cut mining, impending sale of Coalpac to overseas interest. I am not against mining, just the impact.
Dust, noise, blasting, mining too close to town.	General health problems due to dust. The environment to land. Our natures animals. The concern of your company will sell to overseas company further on down track once they taking over Australia.	Damage to houses.	Employment for the area.	Noise. I would like my view left alone. If I can't see it, I don't care. If I can see it, I would like it left alone.
Mining too close to homes occupied by long term residents of this town at least one kilometre barrier. Cullen is for sale at the right price \$.	How would you like to live amongst this? Damage to our homes caused from blasting as previous works has done. An owner is told it's not caused by them. Also taking away our natures bush and replacing regrowth with wattle trees which cause hay fever and allergies (also asthma) to many people not to mention the devaluation to all homes in Cullen Bullen if selling of homes.	Dust, damage to homes in town from blasting.	Damage suffered from blasting.	Devaluation of rural properties. People will not buy into the area because of the scarring of the mining area.

Question 2				
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Mining too close to town.	Damage to buildings and residents this project and quarry to be better managed. Shot firing more capably managed. Residents concerns handled by an improved committee.	Open cut so close to CBD is a major concern. Right now this will not be changed. The region struggles to gain a positive future. If Coalpac is honest/transparent and works to give the region/town what it says (keeping pollution etc) to a minimum this will go a long way for relations and good health. (I have my doubts)	Mud on main roads.	Noise, dust & the visual impact.
Health, dust, house devaluation, noise.	The effect that dust will have on the residents' health and the effect mining will have on the native wildlife as I feel wildlife will be forced into town.	Dust and monitoring noise.	Trucks on roads, that the money that Coalpac has donated to the town will be used by Council for Lithgow.	Noise & dust.
Environment/wildlife/an ugly eyesore/destruction. Property devaluation. Continued access to Ben Bullen State Forest. Noise, dust, disruption to traffic when blasting.	Pollution of Jews Creek.	The lies some of the residents of Cullen Bullen are saying in objection to the project.	Preserving the integrity of the Cullen Bullen Cemetery.	Noise, visual impact, dust.
Dust blasting. Too close to homes, town and school.	The blasting it's causing my foundation to move and causing my concrete driveway to crack. The noise is unbearable on a week day.	Untouched cemetery, road maintenance at Invincible Hill (last winter very dangerous). The destruction of the Kings Chair (no guarantee of collapse). Natural water causes not blocked.	Keep the distance from town centre (more than 2kms). Untouched cemetery.	Dust, noise & loss of property value.

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The information is not true in the EA. I wish there was an independent assessor. Noise levels seem inaccurate and dust levels seem inaccurate. The noise needs to be based on stronger winds and constant inventions. No consultant for noise has been in my property and I am right next door!	Dust on residents' health, water issues that could have adverse effects on the area that may be irreversible. Lack of access to bush. Changes in bush so it no longer is the same. Dust interfering with hazelnut productions. Noise levels. Effects on tourism.	Jobs in the area. Apprenticeships to people other than coal miners and sons of other big name people.	Main cemetery. White wash caves.	Noise, what I don't see, I don't care from Main Road or town (Baal Bone closed because of environmental impact and men lose their jobs. There is 20 million tonne of coal there.)
What area of old trees will be removed by open cut? Noise, dust, visual rehabilitation appears to be slow. Countryside would be wrecked.		Water table depletion or contamination. Employment/apprenticeships for locals. Environmental damage.	Effects of dust on our health.	Noise, dust, loss of property value, loss of amenity. That regeneration is undertaken.
Noise, dust, impact on the area. Visual just a light on the landscape.		Visual impact so close to the Castlereagh Highway. The security of the pagodas/not being damaged. I feel the stand off zone should be further than proposed.	No mining around cemetery area.	Visual degradation from Castlereagh Highway. Dust pollution. Noise 24 hours a day. Sub ground water interference.
Destruction of vegetation and landforms, far to close to a residential area, dust, noise, coal transport, traffic/safety issues, Delta could source coal from less socially/environmentally destructive options, has underground mines at Airly, Clarence, Springvale, Angus Place.		Dust, damage to homes.	The money Coalpac is giving should be administrated by the Council. Afraid that if local groups control it, it will be wasted on minority concerns or used for their own personal gain waste - should be for all residents and not just a select few. That community feels the need to make up lies to put their argument across.	Devaluation of rural and town properties in the area. Regeneration of vegetation and on going up keep of this. Watering during summer months and drought conditions.

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Noise of existing mining and whatever the new will bring. Devaluation of my home. Health. Mine not fixing damage to homes. Noise monitors the effected area not 400m past area.		Biodiversity offset strategy. As we are adjacent to the Ben Bullen State Forest, we have a grazing permit on the western side of the Castlereagh Highway (on the Ben Bullen State Forest) so what does or how does this affect the property adjacent (which is us) as the restrictions re conservation has a flow on effect.	Cemetery. White wash caves.	
Dust, we are getting a lot of fine dust in our house and on cars. Coalpac still won't admit it is theirs. Contamination of tank water also from fall out of dust. Damage to house. State of Castlereagh Highway. People using main road not sticking to conditions.		Wattlemount Road.	Local employment. Environmental.	
The constant noise and dust from the mining operation and the impacts it will have on my health and my family's health, potential damage to my property and the loss of value.		The dust of both the soil and the pool, the movement of the ground that shakes our houses causes damage to them from the explosions, damage to the water springs and wells from the poisons it adds to the water.	Damage to the homes in the town from the blasting. Coalpac will not take responsibility for damage they have caused.	

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The information in the proposal is very flawed and inaccurate so they base results on lies and hence are giving us wrong information. The noise levels are inaccurate and dust. They need to use other consultants. There is going to be massive problems. For example they said there is no springs - There are in Hill. Pft. Wildlife will go onto my property.		Noise, dust, landscape, blasting. Why can't they use a dozer and ripper?	Jobs for local workers	
Destruction of houses and local environment/recreation.		With respect to the area near our cemetery, and to make sure there is no damage to headstones and do not alter the view.		
Dust pollution, increase in traffic - rail and road. Degradation of local national environment. Health issues for local residents.		Access to local bushland during and after mining operations.		
Noise and dust. Explosions. Damage to homes. Loss of access for bushwalking. Environment and damage. Loss of value of home.		The exposed area that can be seen from Castlereagh Highway that a disgrace. The effects of dust and black mud being carried onto the highway. I feel this could be corrected with a truck washing bay.		

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Will be exposed to increased threats to our health because of the damaging air particles/air pollution. Underground blasting closer to town may damage my property and others. Cullen Bullen is already surrounded by degraded land. This will increase the impact and the value of my house and the homes in our village and our rural quiet lifestyle.		Look after our cemetery and keep its views.		
Dust, noise, blasting, trucks, birds, animals, plants, trees, our way of life.				
Dust, health issues, noise, blasting, trucks on roads, visual impacts, mining around clock. We have been through this before with Cullen Valley Mine all promises until they start then bugger the lot of you - we will do what we want				
Distance from school.				
24 hour operation, close to town/dwellings including location of processing plant 1 km from town is unacceptable. Mining too close if residents located on north eastern side of highway. Processing plant far too close. Highwall mining is less than 400m from dwelling.				

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Environment, property damage, stress to wildlife and the loss of their habitat, pollution - dust and noise, the way it looks, health issues.				
Contamination and deterioration of local waterways.				
Dust, pollution, increase in traffic movements - road/rail, degradation of local natural environment, health issues for local residents, unsightly working and destroying vistas.				
Noise, dust, blasting, water. Too close to town and homes.				
Noise, environmental impact, lifestyle, dust.				

Question 3				
Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Support	Strongly Support	Unsure
Keep all the operations away from view and minimise noise.	More local people to be employed without experience to look after the town of Cullen and the people in it and their concerns.	All money from Coalpac spent entirely on Cullen. The distance from the town centre (Hall not the School) outside more than 2km town limits.	Rehabilitation, more jobs for local people.	No visual impact from the road, no bund walls to hide mining, workers to be residents of Cullen Bullen, money paid to Council allocated for improvement programs to Cullen Bullen not reallocation of day to day upkeep.
7am - 5pm work hours 5 days per week. 9am - 3pm blasting 5 days a week, Monday to Friday.	Working hours 6am - 6pm 5 days. Damage to homes be repaired.	Reinvest into Cullen Bullen.	Local employment, supporting local businesses.	I would like rehabilitation done to nearly what has been destroyed.
Yes, mining only 7am - 5pm 5 days per week, blasting only between 10am - 2pm, no coal traffic on any local roads, intense monitoring of dust conditions, 5km buffer zone from walkings to town.	Yes I believe work should only be allowed to operate 8 hours a day not 24/7. Much more notice taken of home owners re damage to homes caused from blasting and being repaired not told it's not companies fault.	Separate inspection for damage to homes and property as their rep.	Rehabilitation, more local employment for younger in the local community.	Revegetation is carried out and an upkeeping program implemented. Monitoring contractors check to verify that tests are being carried out through the working hours of the mine.
Any impact on the local and surround ring area caused by Coalpac must be immediately rectified and compensated.	Dust repression, it is not handled at all now. Washing plant spoil stopped from beign pumped into Invincible Dam which will find its way into Western Waters via Delhunty Creek and the Willywhar.	Work hours 7am - 5pm 5 days per week, blasting 10am - 2pm only when weather is favourable. Rehab done ASAP sooner than later. Whenever a complaint is put to them, a set period of time they must resolve the complaint	Truck wash to stop mud and dust on roads.	Employment of young people from Cullen Bullen, requirement the EIS ivas to be resubmitted if Coalpac sell Cullen Valley/Invincible to another company.
A lot more underground, better rehabilitation, not wattle trees, listen to what the locals are saying about their concerns and help solve that solution and continued access to state forest.	Working hours only 7am - 5pm 5 days per week to minimise dust and noise for residents. Have a set blasting time.	Normal 5 day a week operation, not weekends.	Whilst trucks are running on the road, wash trucks to reduce dirt on the road. Lithgow Council detail where the money donated by Coalpac is spent.	Dust, noise, access to firewood and coal for locals.

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Enforceable conditions to ensure no damage, no damage to health and wellbeing. A process to monitor noise, dust, and visual pollution needs to be established with some liaison with Council administration.	Continuing monitoring of runoff and water quality entering Jews Creek and Turon Catchment.	Just make sure they are true to word.	All funds payable by Coalpac to be spent in the Cullen area.	Noise monitored, no dust and no visual impact on the town, access to firewood for locals.
No road use for coal transportation.	Don't do it - think about us, our town.	The distance away from town centre (Hall not the School) outside more than 2km town limits. Apprenticeships in all sectors - electricians, boiler makers etc - not one per year. All money to be spent on Cullen with ongoing maintenance costs.	Money spread evenly through the town of Cullen.	Day shift only. 6 days, no public holidays, 9am - 3pm blasting. All haul trucks off the road, more consultation on issues about the mine.
Operate 7am - 5pm, blasts 11am - 1pm, no trucks on Castlereagh Highway, lower noise and dust monitoring levels, stop production when breaches of lease conditions are broken until gone to court and paid big fines, not being able to sell or lease (passed back to Government for retender)	Working hours 7am - 7pm, no night work. Mining to be at least 5km from town centre. People's mental health is as important as their physical health. Workforce from local area,. All agreements to be imposed on new owners as well as Coalpac. Areas to be put back as quickly as possible.	Have to employ locals.	Not really, only employ more from Cullen Bullen.	From visual site, rehabilitation to be at a higher standard.

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Lower noise and dust monitoring levels, no trucks on Castlereagh Highway, operate 7am - 5pm, blasts 10am - 2pm, not able to sell/lease, return to Government for retendering.		No mining directly behind the town of Cullen, more dust monitoring stations be set up around the town, NB no one cared when Baal Bone used to send 80 plus trucks past the school each day. Council should monitor the pollution from coal fired donkeys in Cullen. Why people are concerned about dust affecting the school pupils when a greater pollutant 20m from the school is more damaging is amazing - a private home with a donkey.	More jobs for our children (apprenticeships), make our town more attractive with gardens, could pay our rates as for our disturbance.	Day shift only. 6 days, no public holidays, 9am - 3pm blasting. All haul trucks off the road, more consultation on issues about the mine.
5km buffer zone around the town to protect social values, amenities, air quality and noise levels, 5km buffer zone around Cullen Bullen School to protect it from being closed in the future, limited blasting 5 times per month, restricted operations, 7am - 5pm 5 days per week not 24 hours 7 days per week. Blasting times between 10am - 2pm, ongoing consultation with the community - Cullen Bullen residents.		Stop dust on roads in the wet.	Only work 7am - 5pm.	No visual impact from Castlereagh Highway, no blasting on windy days and keep soil to stop dust. Restrict working hours to daytime only. Independent monitoring of bore water in the area and work being stopped or restricted if levels or flows are affected.
Minimum 2km radius from town, open cut, 12 month review of operations, provide bush walk area in town of state forest.		Ground monitoring water so surrounding areas don't get contaminated water or loss of water.	They should stick to what is supposed.	Coalpac to follow up with contractors they have employed with monitoring of dust, noise, water and revegetation to verify that monitoring is carried out at appropriate times during 'mine' working hours.

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Yes, mining only 7am - 5pm 5 days per week, no trucks on local roads, 5km buffer zone from walkings to town, intense monitoring of dust conditions, blasting only between 10am - 2pm.		More than 1km distance from the school, 1.5 - 2km is not unreasonable.	More locals employed, don't ruin our cemetery.	
It should be underground.		Do not block the creek off that runs from East Tilley, no 24 hour work.	Local employment. Environmental.	
Comparison for neighbours should be high or neighbours bought out at least triple the market value.		I would like to see more than one apprentice per year and train some of our local people for other aspects of mining. Without more people being trained we are going to run out of qualified personnel.	Independent inspector to assess homes damaged by Coalpac not an assessor paid by Coalpac.	
Operating hours from 7am to 5pm, 5 days a week. 5km buffer zone around the town to reduce the impact of noise and dust. Limit blasting to no more than 10 times a month and between the hours of 10am til 2pm.		Town boundaries not mine pass current location of the ridge beign mined as of 24.4.12 as they should remain behind ridge at all times.	Working hours be 7am to 5pm while working near any homes. 5 days a week.	
Changing of dust testing and blasting to better suit our homes. Damage caused to homes be fixed back before the quarry (Coalpac etc) came here 13 years ago.		Underground mining should be top priority. Highwall mining would be a second choice.		
Stick to the conditions they have agreed to with the town. More jobs to offer to men that apply. Not 24 hour running. 6am - 6pm.		Put on more local and townspeople who need jobs.		

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Buffer zone of 1km around Cullen Bullen township. No coal haulage on public roads. All Persoonia Marginta (vulnerable EPBC Act and TSC Act) must be protected from open cut mining. An independent flora study must be conducted for Ben Bullen state forest, keep Gardeners Gap Trail open.				
Limited operating hours, development conditions imposed, mining companies come into an area and dictate their rules and regulations and expect people to comply and accept.				
Operating hours 7am - 5pm all areas, blasting around midday, adequate notice re road closures.				
Pay out neighbours of at least triple the value of their properties.				
Blasting times 9am - 3pm Monday - Friday. 7am - 5pm Monday to Friday.				
More underground instead of open cut, far better rehabilitation not primarily wattle trees, continued access to state forest.				
Stated hours of mine operating, times limited to blasting.				
Rehabilitation done as they go, not left like all other mines have been left in this area.				

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24 hour production not required, 7am - 5.30pm only. No mining within 1.5km of village.				
Question 4				
Sewerage for Cullen Bullen	Roads & footpaths for Cullen Bullen	Roads in the surrounding area	Recreational Facilities	Enhancement of Landscape
59	66	45	2	4
Hall	Skate Park	Improved Water Supply	Double Glazing for Homes	Air Conditioners/Air Purifiers for Homes
7	2	3	1	2
Indoor Sporting Facility	Visitor Information Centre	State Forest Facilities	Roadside Clean Up	Pedestrian Crossing
2	1	2	4	5
Visitor Picnic Area	Pipe Work	Street Lighting	Oval & Speedway	School
2	1	2	1	5
Local Organisations	Offsets for Habitat Loss	Fuel Rebates	Heritage Walk	Public Toilets
3	2	1	1	1

Coalpac Consolidation Project (Cullen Bullen and Invincible Mines) Cullen Bullen - Public Meeting - Question Time

Q. Darcy McCann - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Approval would result in additional dust. Current development isn't satisfactory in terms of dust. How will this be controlled?

A. Coalpac

EPA limits are imposed under the current approval. Less than half regulated dust level - below Government imposed levels. Dust reduced in last two years. Overburden controlled by watering the roads. Dust monitors to measure.

Q. Eva Rizana - Resident of Katoomba

Does anyone do independent monitoring of dust?

A. Coalpac

Monitoring done by independent consultants. Monitoring systems in place, developed with regulators (EPA). Data available on website.

Q. Julie Favell - Resident of Blackmans Flat

Is dust monitoring averaged out?

A. Coalpac

Criteria of actual results data. Criminal offence to alter data. Real time monitoring shows wind directions. Weather data. Condition for dust monitoring will be imposed if approval is granted.

Q. Garry Walsh - Resident of Cullen Bullen

How many blasts a month? How to stop just during blasting? Houses shake.

A. Coalpac

3-4 blasts per month. Real-time will improve this. Monitor weather, wind speed. Blasts are designed to consider direction.

Q. Maren Botfield - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Dust a concern currently. Increase will make it worse. Health wise, how will dust be controlled in the future?

A. Coalpac

Real-time monitoring will allow for self regulation/self management. Reduced number of trucks.

Q. Lesley MacDonald - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Understands that the mine has not set out to deliberately disadvantage landowners, but has disadvantaged landowners. Compensation?

A. Coalpac

Can't comment generally. Assessed on a case by case basis.

Q. Reg Larkin - Resident of Ben Bullen

Noise monitoring - Global Acoustics monitoring after knock off time.

A. Coalpac

Independent consultants do the monitoring. Not in control of the time of monitoring, however have contacted Global Acoustics to request that they turn up earlier.

Q. Marlene Walsh - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Noise 6am in the morning. Shakes house.

A. Coalpac

Don't start until 7am - condition of approval. Big Rim operates separately.

Q. Jim Whitty - Resident of Lidsdale

Not a resident - problem is dust - school kids. Who is going to monitor? Monitors should be at school and homes. Damage from blasting. Not enough fill to make it the same shape. Where does fill come from for rehabilitation?

A. Chair - Gerard Martin

Submissions to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure until 1 June.

Q. Laurel Austin - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Do we have to put in an individual claim for each house that's damaged? House is shaking off foundations, walls are falling down.

A. Coalpac

Blasting that has been done near town is the closest. Process of inspection. Consultants provide a report. Each person should put in their own claim. Recently changed consultants.

Q. Rob Cole - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Will you reassess old claims with new claims?

A. Coalpac

Each person needs to put in a submission.

Q. Luis Cifuenties - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Decibel of noise.

A. Coalpac

Less than 40 decibels.

Q. Glenda McCann - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Damage from blasting, monitoring, said it was a minor blast. Graves sinking. Cullen Valley lied. Mining closer to house, want advice on times of blasting. Little town, but her home. Coalpac has money and power to do what it wants. Dr Stiles has commented on the health of the village - no one takes notice. Shift worker - noise. Fighting for her town.

A. Coalpac

Mining is at year 18-19. Closer to her house - noise less than EPA requirements. Adjust mining, depending on weather conditions. Modelled noise. Intend to stay below limits with real-time monitoring.

Q. Janice Playford - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Made complaints about blast damage, Coalpac pay for independent assessor, told they couldn't have any independent assessor. Biased opinions. Has to repair damage at own cost.

A. Coalpac

Good point. Have to use approved assessors. Understands when Coalpac pays assessors it brings in question of true independence.

Q. Noeline Thorne - Resident of Cullen Bullen

How will you transport coal in the immediate future? The Castlereagh Highway is already a disgrace. What about mining around cemetery? How does it get to power station?

A. Coalpac

Conveyor would be first to be constructed. Trucks on road til that's finished. Took commercial risk to buy conveyor already. Haul Road through Coalpac land behind hill come out at Invincible Bridges.

Q. Fred Gilson - Resident of Cullen Bullen

20 years of life, high wall, how many shifts? Properties purchased still rated separately?

A. Coalpac

24 hours, 7 days. Governed by noise requirements. Each property assessed individually and rated as such.

Q. John Tilley - Resident of Cullen Bullen

If project goes ahead how would this affect funding to Cullen Bullen? Will Council get money if project not approved?

A. Roger Bailey - Lithgow City Council

Dependent upon conditions of consent. Assessment on funding for Cullen Bullen and wider community. If approved, Council get money. If not approved, no money.

Q. Peter Isaacson - Resident of Ben Bullen

Money offered to Council - will it be spent in Cullen Bullen or immediate area? Guarantees?

A. Neville Castle - Lithgow City Council

Previous company money went into a fund for this area. Skate Park, Cullen Bullen Hall improvements. Understand that contributions would go towards Cullen Bullen only.

Q. Bev Gilbert - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Cullen Bullen Progress Association - they do get some money. Where is the rest? Believes there is \$5000 left over.

A. Neville Castle - Lithgow City Council

\$17,000 is available.

Q. Justin McKee - Resident of Bexley

Residents should be able to prove where they're from. The initial process was for residents to turn up with their letter of invitation. Is the ballot only for Cullen Bullen residents?

A. Chair - Gerard Martin

This issue will be addressed. All ballots are to be returned to Council by COB Friday.

Q. Steven Hantos - Resident of Portland

Are you monitoring waterways for quality and flow and contaminants?

A. Coalpac

Water is a sensitive issue for everyone. Closed system mine site, dirty water, clean water, all contained in a series of dams. Dirty water used for dust suppression and coal washing. Advantage of Coalpac is underground workings hold a reservoir of water, background monitoring in river systems. Source of water comes from underground workings. Water balance has been assessed in EA. Will be a reduction in catchment areas in some areas. Not causing adverse affects downstream. Considered appropriate through modelling. No monitoring yet. Closed system. Pollutants are analysed which are public.

Q. Carol DiMauro - Resident of Ben Bullen

Bore. They grow hazelnuts. Wind pollinated, not using chemicals. Water plants. Grubs kill other trees.

A. Coalpac

Bound by seed mix from EPA. Have to put in rehabilitation with approval. Seeking a different seed mix that doesn't include wattle. Looking at alternatives with ecologists. Bore - they want to monitor in the bore - in EA. Dust - real-time dust monitoring in Red Springs Road.

Q. Mick Bulkeley - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Funding - two mines with significant open cut, Coalpac has been transparent about funding. Funds paid by Centennial for Ivanhoe North. Xstrata for Baal Bone. Where are those funds? No knowledge of funds being spent in town. Enhance has also paid significant funds. \$5 million by Coalpac. Will that be paid to the community? Cullen shouldn't have to subsidise the greater Lithgow Area.

A. Neville Castle - Lithgow City Council

Legislation changed since Xstrata - they didn't pay additional funds, except for rates. New legislation - contributions scheme money will be spent in and around Cullen Bullen.

A. Coalpac

\$5 million is not required by legislation. It's their offer. Positive impact in community. Produce more equals pay more.

A. Andrew Muir - Lithgow City Council

Still negotiations taking place. Funds would be available for this immediate area. Want an efficient way of spending funds. Cullen Bullen residents get to have their say.

Q. John Murray - Resident of Wallerawang

Near Baal Bone. Proof that it isn't cost shifting for already required works. Council should already meet local needs. Money should be additional.

A. Neville Castle - Lithgow City Council

Intention to spend money in Cullen Bullen.

Q. Mihaj Pasztor - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Dirty house from dust. Can they get an independent person to monitor then Coalpac pay? Kids get asthma. Who pays? Compensation?

A. Coalpac

Dust monitoring set by Government. Levels set by the department. They can provide a list of independent assessors and you can pick who you want.

Q. Julie Favell - Resident of Blackmans Flat

People should put in submission that legislation should be changed if they feel that assessments are incorrect.

Q. Peter DiMauro - Resident of Ben Bullen

Meeting with Coalpac. Monitoring of noise at their property. Levels established over a period of time. Shouldn't there be a control on timing of recording of sound levels depending on time of day?

A. Coalpac

Noise monitored over 15 minute periods. Predict worst case scenario. Background noise levels different at different places. Bunding, less equipment and equipment relocation and real-time will ensure they remain below criteria.

Q. Craig Davis - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Environmental impact will be minimal with the proposed development. Impact on Cullen Bullen will be a high positive impact giving employment and supporting infrastructure. Does not support local committee running on emotion. No outside factors taken into consideration. Claiming kids will have to wear dust masks because of the mine. No mention of traffic, coal fires, wood fires. Trucks travel along private

haul road. Need coal for electricity. Impact will be minimal for the return. Area will be rehabilitated after project is complete. All the area for the proposal is used for is a rubbish dump, illegal fire wood cutting and a conservation hunting area. Coalpac will only remove 0.06% of forest woodland in NSW.

Q. Julie Favell - Resident of Blackmans Flat

People living here already with impacts of blasting. High wall goes in 300m. What height between high walls? What study of subsidence? Need to be living here to understand. Families have homes falling down around them.

A. Coalpac

Stone studies on existing areas. Subsidence must be to an acceptable level. Must be less than 20mm of subsidence. High walls not left open. Overburden goes back into hole. Monitoring is done at other sites, similar geological issues. Rock formations must stay stable. Higher risk from underground. Must have open cut for high wall. 20 years of high wall mining. High wall extracts 40% of coal. Long wall extracts 70% of coal.

Q. Darcy McCann - Resident of Cullen Bullen

120 signatures on petition.

Q. Eva Rizana - Resident of Katoomba

Original Cullen Valley was for underground. Was there supposed to be rail link between Cullen Valley and the Power Station? If they didn't meet conditions how is it enforced?

A. Coalpac

Rail link never part of approval. Conditions give full range of allowances. Don't have to do everything that's approved. No breach in conditions.

A. Andrew Muir - Lithgow City Council

Department of Planning & Infrastructure is consent authority, not Council.

Q. Ken Rochester - Resident of Cullen Bullen

High wall mine knocked out power, took out power lines at Ulan 10 years ago.

A. Coalpac

Different mine, approvals process is more difficult now than it used to be. Requirements tightened up. Stringent process. Everything has to be designed by Geotechnical Experts and inspected by Mines Department before they can start.

Pillars are designed for long term stability. Spans only 3m wide, half of underground width.

Q. Kylie Godden - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Younger generation need jobs. Good work ethic and loyalty. Should be merit based from immediate community. Coal fires more air pollution than anything else.

A. Coalpac

One apprentice a year proposed. Only taken on workforce in last 18 months. People most important asset.

Q. Diane Taylor - Resident of Portland

Biodiversity offset strategy. What area offsite will be disturbed? What properties are affected by the buffer zone?

A. Coalpac

For every one hectare disturbed 2-3 hectares provided somewhere else in this district and other districts. They are securing properties at the moment. No body's property can be used without their consent.

Q. Justin McKee

Offset the offset.

Q. Ann-Maree Ringin - Resident of Ben Bullen

One apprentice a year not enough. Any possibility of apprentices in all different areas. Not just men. Traineeships for girls. Would preference be for locals? Wants best opportunity for kids.

A. Coalpac

Now have training department. Preference for locals. Minimum standard required.

Q. Veronica Walsh - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Farley Street. Children's inheritance. Will mine devalue properties? Visual impact disgraceful.

A. Coalpac

Property values impacted by employment, funds would also help develop infrastructure in town.

Q. Barbara Milne - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Funding - Tidy Towns and Progress Association meet every month. Why can't everyone come to the meetings and have their say?

Q. Dick Whittaker - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Place is a bit of a mess. What access will there be to State Forest? Conveyor impact on access? Agnes Tilley impact?

A. Coalpac

Mine progressive development, alternative access provided as each area is mined. One rehabilitation done, handed back to State Forest. Want to improve access to forest. Trying to reach an agreement with RFS. Blasting within 500m must be evacuated. Advanced notice required.

Q. Agnes Tilley - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Concerned about having to leave home for blasts, but hopefully there will be no blasting near her, ground softer.

Q. Peter Isaacson - Resident of Ben Bullen

Is there a contact in Coalpac who they can contact if there are issues?

A. Coalpac

Yes, Grant Medlock.

Q. John Fuller - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Issue with train. Coalpac said it was not them, was contractors. In future, how do they know whose train?

A. Coalpac

Coalpac has no trains. Contractors have to comply with the same rules. At the moment, they employ less than 15% contractors. Everyone else employed directly. Increasing from 90-120 base plus contractors.

Q. Noeline Thorne - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Could the community request that Council is not the decision makers of how money is spent?

A. Chair - Gerard Martin

Money is decided by Council. No way around that.

Q. Glenda McCann - Resident of Cullen Bullen

What are the main issues?

A. Coalpac

Dust, noise, visual, blasting.

Q. John Murray - Resident of Wallerawang

Timber stripping as part of the mine, could that be available for community use?

A. Coalpac

Will ask but it is used as part of rehabilitation. Existing approval conditions.

Q. Ken Bunyon - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Committee concerned about dust, vibration, quality of life. The plans that show the radius the centre is the school. They should be using the hall instead. Increasing from 15-20 blasts, multiple open cuts create more dust. Water - creek will be damned near Agnus'. Washing plant noisy. Spotted Quoll, Wombats etc. What happens to wild animals? Sandstone mine, how will that affect the water table?

A. Coalpac

Limit from 2.2 - 5 million tonnes. More coal being taken out. Sandstone is below the Lithgow seam, take out like coal. Groundwater contained in that area is isolated on three sides does not affect water table, monitoring on north Red Springs Road.

Q. John Tilley - Resident of Cullen Bullen

Good to see majority of Councillors and Upper Management here. Hasn't been much support from Council in the past. Should come here more often.