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Residents voice health concerns

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dck Yf'd'Ubhg'! 'U'h'fX'\Ug'VYYb'Uddfcj YX'!]g'U'; fYYb'd\Ybca Ybcbž'Vi h'hY'ghcfm
]g'bchgc'g]a d'Y"

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\Uj Y'fYgd]fUhc'fmdfcV'Ya g'g'YYa g'ci hcZ'dfcdfh]cbžffii\Y'gUhgj"

A fg'A UWbU]b'gUhgj'hUh'g]bW'g\Y'VY[Ub']b'cW' [cj Yfba Ybž'G]b['Yhcb'Vč'i bVY'\Ug
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"Our issue is not with the mines, it is with the government and the regulations and the legislation that is meant to protect us," she says.

Along the coal seam and up the valley at Muswellbrook, a miner, Peter Kennedy, has put his own job at risk by campaigning for stricter and more transparent regulation of the Hunter's mines and power stations.

Even as a miner he managed to secure a position on the Muswellbrook environmental committee.

Tackling the Greens in 2006, Mr Costa, an out and proud climate change sceptic, said, "Let's make this absolutely clear, on the record, the NSW government supports the coal industry."

Perhaps, but not all its constituents do.