

## Fernadale Lease

- Lease only 4.5k from edge of town not the 9k published.
  - Loss of local community members – depopulation of Yarrawa like Wybong/Mangoola.
  - Forced to leave the area as Denman will not cope with the rush for accommodation of both evicted land owners & contractors.
  - Others will be forced to remain living near mine on devalued properties unable to sell.
  - Social unrest – increases in antisocial behaviour & crime – as in QLD towns – probable establishment of Workers Camps (already been proposed)
  - Population change – higher levels of temporary workers with different expectations of what Denman should be that conflict with the current permanent long term population.
  - More permanent loss of local farmland
  - More permanent loss of local Irrigation allocations – river flat farmland in MBK Shire already reduced to 26% (mostly still around Denman) as Mines own 74%
  - Permanent disturbance & loss of Yarrawa & Ferndale Arable lands & Aquifers.
  - Unknown water volumes that could end up as reject Mine drainage into the Goulburn – same as at Wollar & Ulan.
  - Roads damaged & increase in road accidents as roads are not up to the sudden major traffic increases along narrow country roads. Mangoola/ Wybong Rd up 300% of predictions.
  - Mine vehicles don't abide by approve access road approval conditions – Hollideen, Bylong valley Way & gravel Ringwood Road at Merriwa to Wollar.
  - Industrial Traffic Overload on narrow quiet Denman town streets.
  - Devaluation of houses on the main Denman town streets due to industrial traffic levels.
  - Denman's character changed forever from – Quiet family focus, Rural Wineries, TB Studs changed by sudden & immediate influx of industrial workers & Mining focus.
  - No chance of Rosemount Winery ever being reactivated to world standard while directly overlooking the Fernadale Mines in the Yarrawa Valley.
  - Denman forever stamped & officially designated as “MINING AREA” as this is one of the determining factors in future judgements considering mining approvals.
  - No guarantee of the usual expansions & Modifications like all other mines, recent bad experiences at Wollar Wybong & MbK. Always getting bigger after first smaller toe hold approval & promises.
  - It will have Cumulative impacts on top of the Mines using this area as access to the Bylong, Wollar & Wybong areas as well as proposed Saddlers Creek, Doyles Creek, Spur Hill & further Wybong Mines & proposed CS Gas push that could explode very soon.
  - Yarrawa Road is the main direct access road from the Bylong Valley Way communities of Bylong, Kerrabi, Widden, Baerami that isn't impacted by dangerous heavy truck traffic frequent train crossing hold ups at Sandy Hollow & Denman.
  - Will further escalate train movements that split Denman & Bylong valley way.
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- Fernadale Mine will deliver significant negative impacts that will be cumulative to the Impacts soon to be forced on Denman by the existing Muswellbrook & Wybong Mines creeping this way together with all the other mentioned locally proposed Mines.
  - Denman will be closely surrounded so no matter which way the wind Blows no matter where we live we will be impacted Socially, visually, by dust, by noise, by blasting & by industrial traffic and significant losses of Amenity & Social Character.

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**DENMAN WILL BE A PLACE WITH NO FUTURE IN 20 – 30YRS AFTER MINING HAS REMOVED,CHANGED OR DESTROYED ALL THE THINGS THAT MAKE IT DIFFERENT FROM THE MINED AREAS OF THE HUNTER VALLEY AND SUCH A GREAT HEALTHY PLACE FOR A FAMILY TO LIVE.**

**I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WHEN ALL THE IMMEDIATE & LONG TERM IMPACTS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT A MINE AT FERNDALE IS IN THE BEST INTERSTS OF THE GREATER DENMAN COMMUNITY, NOW OR ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE.**

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**DUST WILL BE DELIVERED TO DENMAN DUE TO THE LOCATION OF THE MINE DIRECTLY UPWIND ON THE LINE OF THE USUAL PREVAILING WIND PATH.**

**Minerals council deputy chief executive Sue-Ern Tan cited other industrial activities including agriculture, road construction and logging, which were also exempt from load-based licensing.**

**She argued the system was not always the most appropriate mechanism to reduce pollution.**

**"Load-based licensing works for point source emissions, where pollutants are emitted through a measurable point like an exhaust pipe," she said.**

**"But it does not work for emissions that are generated over a large area and cannot be accurately measured."**