

PETITION

We, the undersigned, humbly request that the Parliament of NSW, the NSW Department of Planning and the NSW Department of Local Government require Muswellbrook Shire Council and Xstrata Mining Company to recognise the Denman, Sandy Hollow and greater Wybong Community and provide our Community with the Due Process of Consultation required by the Director-General of the Department of Planning in his requirements for assessment of Major Project Application 06-0014Mod1, 24 January 2008 including through public meetings outlining the modified proposal and the subsequent taking of public submissions and conduct of an open and transparent merit assessment of the submissions and the application prior to Xstrata carrying out any development on the sites.

We, the undersigned, cannot accept, in the absence of Community Consultation by Xstrata Mining Company, Muswellbrook Shire Council and NSW Department of Planning, that there is any justification for Xstrata Mining Company, Muswellbrook Shire Council or the NSW Department of Planning to:

- 1/ unilaterally and without notice or Community Consultation significantly diminish the standards of road works required by Muswellbrook Shire Council or approve road works that do not comply with the appropriate Australian Standard and Road Classification systems,
- 2/ unilaterally and without notice or Community Consultation delay the upgrade to roads required by Conditions 50 and 51 of the Project Conditions of Consent to 'completion' over an unspecified number of years in lieu of "Prior to carrying out any development on site,"
- 3/ unilaterally and without notice or Community Consultation construct a mine workers village at Anvil Hill - where there are no utilities, services, infrastructure or facilities and where such development is prohibited by current and future zoning.

We believe that this Petition is necessary to restore, preserve and protect the rights of our Community and the environment in which we live, work, operate businesses, raise families and recreate.

Name	Address	Phone	Signature

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To Join the Wybong Action Group and help support our actions: fill in and tear off the section below and send it together with the appropriate membership fee in unused 50 cent stamps, cheque or money order (do not send cash by mail) to "Wybong Action Group, C/ 740 Ridgeland Road, Manobalai NSW, 2333".

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We are in the process of planning a further public meeting (and BBQ) at Wybong Hall. Let us know your ideas.....

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Its not too late to stop the destruction of our environment and the old growth woodland habitat of Anvil Hill. You can make the difference by contacting:

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Public Meeting 13 July 2008 at Wybong Hall

Thanks to all who attended the public meeting at Wybong Hall. It was good to see so many people there. I think we all shared the same or similar concerns for the major changes that we are about to experience in the environment we live in and enjoy at Denman, Sandy Hollow, Pine Creek, Wybong, Castle Rock, Brogheda and Mangoola. The result of the meeting was the formation of The Wybong Action Group Incorporated to take on the representation of our Community.

Part of Executive Letter to Mangoola Mine

Dear Mr Farrer,

We are writing to you in order to introduce ourselves, the Wybong Action Group Incorporated to Xstrata Mining Company as the pre-eminent group that is publicly authorised and endorsed by unanimous resolution of the residents of Wybong as of 13 July 2008 to seek a program of Community Consultation with the Xstrata Mining Company, Anvil Hill (Mangoola) Mine Project and associated stakeholders.

The Community Consultation program needs to commence, as Xstrata have publicly indicated and the Director General NSW Department of Planning requires, prior to any works commencing on the site.

To assist in achieving this mutual objective the Executive of the Wybong Action Group Inc. is seeking to meet with the management of Xstrata Anvil Hill (Mangoola) Mine Project to urgently establish a programmed schedule of meetings with Xstrata Anvil Hill (Mangoola) Mine Project that we anticipate will be held at Wybong Community Hall for the convenience of all concerned.

An initial meeting to establish the schedule may take place at a mutually convenient time and place in Muswellbrook for brevity and the efficient use of available time for all concerned.

The initial Community Consultation Meeting at Wybong Community Hall should not be held later than the week commencing 18th August 2008.

We are aware that the Xstrata Anvil Hill (Mangoola) Mine Project takes their responsibility for keeping the community informed very seriously and appreciate your prompt response so that the Wybong Community may be informed and provided notice to be in attendance to participate in the Community Consultations.

The Petition: Whats it all about ?

Xstrata want to start work on Anvil Hill Mine **NOW** and have Council Approval to access the site from Denman and Merriwa via the Golden Highway and Wybong Road at Sandy Hollow **BEFORE** completing any major upgrades to Wybong Road.

This means near 100 HEAVY VEHICLE MOVEMENTS (FUELS, EXPLOSIVES, GRAVEL, B-DOUBLES, WIDE, OVER-HEIGHT, OVER-WEIGHT, DOZERS, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT etc) and around 100 smaller mine and construction vehicle movements a day through Denman and Sandy Hollow during daylight hours, instead of by Bengalla Link Road. (This is 1 vehicle every 4 minutes at 100km/hr on Golden Hwy-Wybung Road in daylight working hrs).

Xstrata believe a sign will stop drivers using Reedy Creek Road as a 10km short cut and say drivers will not use Mangoola Rd as a 20km shortcut because they will be asked not to.

Xstrata have council approval to only widen Wybong Road instead of the 8 month to 2 year major reconstruction to Australian Standards agreed for Wybong Road (East) when Xstrata accepted the Anvil Hill Mine Conditions of Consent.

Bengalla Link Road extension to Wybong Road and the North Western Link Road (to Kayuga, Aberdeen and Scone) may NEVER be built before Wybong Road, Castle Rock Road and Kayuga Road are permanently closed leaving sealed access to Scone and Aberdeen via Denman-Muswellbrook and Merriwa ONLY and Sandy Hollow and Wybong isolated.

Also demanded by Xstrata to be included at Anvil Hill are the mine workers villages (rejected in Denman and Muswellbrook).

If you want any chance to have your say on Xstrata's plans for our community, and have not already done so, please sign the petition on the back page and return it in the envelope supplied prior to 25 August 2008. We need as many signatures as possible to make Council, Xstrata and Macquarie St take notice and consult the Wybong Community on their plans for our lives.



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The Wybong Action Group is taking action as our representative on our behalf to try and ensure the upgrade of Wybong Road is completed before construction of the Anvil Hill Mine.



Kayuga Bridge



Wybung Road

