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B.H.P. Proposed increase in pollution into the Georges River

Application to vary EPL 2504

B.H.P. policy Is Zero Harm

As displayed outside Westclife mine for some years

Dear Sirs

I am opposed to any increase of pollution into the Georges River via Brennens Creek.

Thank you for arranging an open meeting for a chance to gather information on B.H.P. proposal .I was a member of the Appin Area Working group for some ten years and in that time got a good insight into their operations' the main thing that really sticks in my mind is that MINING is a very large concern and cannot be treated like other smaller companies as everything is BIG .They have big turnover and big plans .

I can't believe that B.H.P. are asking for a revue to increase pollution levels into the Georges River what we should be doing is seeking a review to DECREASE polluting Georges River as this should be the trend as we live in 2012 not 1812 .

After the E.P.A. meeting that I attended I am sure that B.H.P. will get there approval with a few miner restrictions. I am not a scientists nor a water Quality professional ,this I will leave to those professionals' .I am sure that the ANZAC guidelines to RIVER HEALTH was not made in a week or two but took several months or years to produce so that it is a tool to guide Governments in good water quality health .

To me it was clearly shown that the river was in serious stress by the slide show by Ian Wright and that all the major pollutants were way over the ANZAC guidelines.

As B.H.P. have got approval for the next 30 years it would only be fitting that better control of pollution leaving there site by means of water should be better addressed other than increasing the amount that they are discharging . In the Buill Seam project it is stated that their turnover will increase from 7.5 mil Tons per year to 10.5 Mil. Tons per year this will make a huge difference to the water quality and water flow going into the Georges River

If this is not bad enough there is the Emplacement Ares which has always been a concern to the public as this is really a private dump and any other company would be prosecuted for this action. The Emplacement Area is made up of several holding ponds that are suppose to clean up the water quality before it gets to the dam this is all fine in the beginning, but as the emplacement moves down stream at an alarming

rate the ponds get filled in and that is less to filter the water so one can only assume that the water quality will become worse

What is needed is a Desale plant now so that the Georges River can get the pollution levels down.

If B.H.P. want to increase their Licence levels to what they are releasing into the river; for years there has been an outcry from the public about the water quality. It is only now that there is a court case going on that they are seeking to increase the pollution allowed, it would seem that there is no to stopping pollution of the river, and now they want to increase it .

Yours faithfully

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