

What YOU Can Do To Help

- **Write to George Souris** (MP for Upper Hunter) to get the current coal trains to cover their load! There is no excuse for spreading this toxic dust into our environment. We rate-payers have to cover all our loads, so if the mining companies are really serious about the environment this should be effected immediately. (Sample letters are available)
- **Become informed.** Attend our film screening of Rivers of Shame II, by RiversSOS at **7pm on the 16th July at Quirindi RSL**. See for yourself the devastation coalmines have already caused to our rivers, springs, swamps and aquifers in NSW and how little is done about it by the government. Then write to Penny Wong, the federal Minister for Climate Change & Water to register your disgust, keeping democracy alive!
- **Support** our current grain drive and other charity events to allow us to bring NSW Government to account for the damage and lack of due process it is allowing.
- **Tell** your friends and family—help them be truly informed and immune to propaganda!
- **Write** to your local MP and tell them coal mines in Australia's prime agricultural land are unacceptable. Remind them that:-

**Clean Water, Clean Air & Clean Food
are Basic Human Rights
You will make your voice heard & vote
count — they are on notice!**

SOS Liverpool Plains

Are proud supporters of the
Caroona Coal Action Group (CCAG)

We represent country and city women from all walks of life — businesswomen, wives, mothers, teachers, medics, scientists, accountants, IT professionals and grandmothers.

We wish to highlight the long term, sustainable benefits and contributions of agriculture, fresh water supplies and strong country town communities to the wellbeing, prosperity and national security of Australia.

Having talked to residents of other coal-affected communities, heard their stories and seen the damage caused by long-walling and open cut mines, we can see through the mining companies propoganda and past the community 'handouts' to the devastation that will occur here if mines are given the go ahead without very stringent controls .

If you **want to join us**, contact the CCAG via our website: www.ccag.org.au or any member of SOS Liverpool Plains and help us keep this area from being yet another coal-devastated statistic.



Molly says *“thank you for your help and your support — together we can save this land, our towns and secure our unpolluted food and water supplies for the generations to come”*.

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**We Don't Need Coal Mines
on the
Liverpool Plains**

**We'd Like To Suggest
Why You Don't Need Them
Either....**



THE GOOD NEWS....



Australia's Liverpool Plains NSW, is one of only two "agriculturally significant" farming areas in the entire Murray Darling Basin. Even during the recent drought, the Liverpool Plains continued to produce food and fibre ensuring Australia's food security and generating wealth for the thriving towns of Quirindi and Tamworth and substantial export dollars for our Nation's wealth.

The abundant, unpolluted, fresh water aquifers under these plains are a national security asset. Together with our rivers, they provide fresh, clean drinking water for our towns, people and animals; controlled irrigation for our crops; and sub-surface moisture for trees, plants and wildlife habitats.



Mooki River

This is NOT marginal farming country, and we already have prosperous, 'go ahead' towns. This area is our unsung **world class agricultural resource**, it's doing well and has huge potential to feed Australia and the World — **sustainably** — for generations to come.



....THE BAD NEWS

But our magnificent Liverpool Plains are under threat from coal mining. If given the go ahead by the NSW government, based on the effects of current coal mines elsewhere in NSW, mining **will** —

- Crack, pollute and otherwise irreparably damage our rivers, streams and aquifers
- Bulldoze forests, destroy habitats and cause subsidence to our fertile lands and homes
- Dump tonnes of illness-inducing fine dust into the air, onto our towns, our homes, our schools, and into our water tanks. This dust contains irritating silica; toxic heavy and radioactive metals such as lead, mercury and arsenic and cancer-causing organic compounds that have been clearly shown to affect health, especially that of our children.
- Generate a massive increase in noise and light pollution, from blasting and heavy trucks, and negatively impact the health, lifestyle and united, harmonious community we cherish.

We are told there will be new jobs. But Rio Tinto's CEO has a vision of "mines of the future": with *driverless* trains, *driverless* trucks and *remote controlled* drills. Mudgee residents can tell about the "fly in, fly out" workforce, and how the miners just bring in their own people. The jobs boom is a sham.

Mining companies are interested in one thing — profits, leaving communities to bear all the costs. NSW already has 570 unremediated mines sites, which the government admits are unlikely ever to be cleaned up — we don't need any more!

& PEOPLE POWER!



The only way to stop this and other mines from going ahead is political pressure via **people power**. The landholders directly affected are fighting the arrogance and disrespect shown by the mining companies in the courts and this will continue.

Experience at other mines shows an almost total lack of monitoring or accountability from the regulatory authorities and a careless attitude of the mining companies to residents concerns once the mine licence is granted.

We ask you to help us make the law work for the people once again. Everyone's rights are under threat from dictatorial planning laws and weakened environmental protections.

However, letters and phone calls to politicians and the threat of being 'unseated' in local, state and federal elections can get our representatives' attention.

Turn over for 5 simple ways you can *really* help us towards a positive, sustainable future not continue the undermining mistakes of the past.

**Tell your MP:
We Are Already In A Hole
With Coal
It's Time to Stop Digging**