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Additional points on coal mining emissions, references to Hunter Valley coal mining, effects on livestock and racehorses, health issues, criticism of EPA and Government, need for CO2 emissions reduction, Government has biased support for mining industry, HR burns and smoke, clean energy, reduce fuel and engine emissions, stop polluting water farmlands and air, climate change/ greenhouse, impacts of coal mining on Liverpool plains, premature deaths from air pollution, need to calculate the true costs of dirty energy, cost of air-conditioning (climate impacts), urban sprawl leading to toxic car pollution, need for a pollution tax, externalities of coal mining.

Dear EPA,

Thank you for developing a Clean Air Plan for NSW. I support action to control air pollution from coal mining.

- The Government must achieve the 50% reduction in particle pollution that the EPA says is necessary to meet air quality standards in the Hunter Valley even if this means a reduction in the scale of coal mining.

- I support NSW expanding and strengthening the load-based licencing scheme by applying it to coal mining and making sure the fees they pay for particulate and other air and water pollution reflect the damage it does in the broader community.

- The EPA should manage the Hunter Valley as a “critical zone” for air pollution and coordinate load-based licencing of air pollution with tight limits imposed via other licences and the development consent process to ensure national standards are being met.

- I support increased action to reduce particulate emissions from coal mining, including controls on off-road diesel engines, set-backs for coal mines from villages and sensitive land uses and a limit on the overall number and scale of coal mining that can be undertaken at any time.

I support action to reduce emissions from coal fired power stations. The ten-year time frame proposed by the clean air plan complements the time frame needed for implementation of our greenhouse and climate change commitments.

Yours sincerely, New South Wales, Australia

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