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The Manager  
Earth Resources Tenements  
Dept of Primary Industries  
GPO Box 4440 MELBOURNE VIC 3001

**Re: Objection to the Victorian Dept of Primary Industries Exploration  
Lease Licence No. 5428 application by Mantle Mining at Mirboo North**

Dear Manager,

I am writing to you to object to the application for coal Exploration License No.5428.

Section 2A(1) of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act says, "regard should be given to the principles of sustainable development" when administering the Act.

The granting of coal exploration license could soon lead to a full-blown coal-mining license and open cut coal mine over the Mirboo North township.

**This could in no way be called "sustainable development" and would show absolutely no regard for the wishes and feelings of the local community!**

Mirboo North is a uniquely beautiful and historic locality. Many generations have grown up, gone to school, lived, worked and raised families here. It is surrounded by some of the most fertile agricultural land and beautiful old growth forest in Victoria. Coal mining in and around the town would:

- a. Put our health and the health of our children at risk from coal dust particulates.
- b. It would be incredibly disruptive and even dangerous to people's lives because of heavy machinery noise, drilling, blasting and massively increased heavy transport on inadequate country roads.
- c. It would mean the destruction of the visual beauty of the area and perhaps even the end of the town itself.
- d. It would mean the end of tourism in the area.
- e. It would wipe out residents' life savings through the inevitable collapse in house and land values that would occur as soon as an Exploration Licence is announced.

We request that you reject this Exploration License application as a matter of the utmost urgency so that the people of Mirboo North can again live with a sense of peace of mind and normality in their daily lives instead of fear and anxiety about the future.

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