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Mr Edwards,

I would like to share some of my concerns regarding Ramaco's Brook mine permit application. As a third generation resident of Kleenburn, I am aware of the use of ground water limitations of this area. Ramco's use of ground water could cause a negative effect on our existing water wells. That is a big problem for all of us in the area not only for domestic use but for farming and ranching.

Another concern is how are they going to guard against sinkholes opening on the lands surrounding the mine. We are very concerned because of all the problems from past mining in the area has caused. Also as the mine progresses we have a lot of concerns about our roads being used by Ramco transporting coal. This will impact safety and maintenance of our existing roads that we use on a regular basis.

There is also the problems of blasting and causing damage to our homes and our water wells which has happened in the past.

We would like to have an informal meeting with land owners and concerned parties before any decisions are made.

Thank you,

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