

'Watched 4 Corners and hope you all win the fight. Have passed on to friends to get them to write to MDBA. DISGUSTING GREEDY Govt and big corporates just peeve us so much'. (J B, Red Cross - Melbourne)

'I saw the show, and will do what I can down here'. (Jim - ex TV presenter and journalist - Melbourne)

'Your side of the argument come over very well and it should gain further support but the politicians still need convincing. Joyce did not impress and I thought he was one of the top Nationals'. (J S)

'I watched 4 Corners last night. A very good program & will certainly send an email to the Murray Darling Basin Authority. Keep up the anti-BHP blockade & good luck with it all'. (J M - Warwick, Queensland)

'Watched the 4 corners program on the Liverpool plains. You guys have a real fight on your hands. From experience with the Mountain Cattlemens fight that I helped with you must now keep up the momentum. It is now in the national public arena. Without the media interest the pollies won't do anything.' (M G - Melbourne)

'I expect the Four Corners program will educate a lot of people about this issue and easily get them on side'. (T N -office of xxxxxx MP)

'It's a bugger of a challenge to take on but it must be done'. (K W. Consultants - Sydney).

' In short, I request that mining in this area be forbidden from proceeding (also in any other sensitive water supplying or food production area).'

'I'm well aware of the benefits of mining to local communities - I live in Broken Hill, NSW, which has had to come to terms with major layoffs from our own mines, but from what was said on the 4 Corners report, mining in your area would be environmental vandalism and absolutely shouldn't be allowed.'

'Just wanted to congratulate your group on Four Corners programme this evening. Just an amazing group. I was inspired watching it.'

'Keep up the good fight. I have no interest in this region, no family, no friends. I do have an interest in participating in the ongoing welfare of my local and greater community, and I write to you now for this reason. Please do what you can to ensure there is no miscarriage of justice or environmental vandalism carried out whilst you were in a position to stop it.'

'I am a member of a Toastmasters Club in Victoria. I would be happy to distribute some bumper stickers and drive a debate within the club'

Saw the show Monday night and am still seething!

Is it arrogance or sheer desperation when our own elected representatives sell us out?

Our Title Deeds in NSW are worthless as are that bunch in Macquarie Street.

So much of the world is hungry and we destroy our food bowl. Please hold firm. So many hearts are with you.

(S G CARDIFF HEIGHTS NSW)

Just wanted to give you some encouragement in your fight. I don't know if you are aware of the old American Indian saying that has been bandied about over the last 20 years, but it certainly applies to your situation. There are several variations, but here's one:

"When there are no more fish in the sea and when there are no more trees to bear fruits, we will finally understand that we can not eat money."

Time and time again it has been shown that technology cannot protect or restore what is lost. Long walling and open cut mining are incredibly destructive, the former causing serious subsidence and the latter just obliteration. Both seriously affect ground water. Although many techniques have been devised to ameliorate damage none of them are satisfactory. What is lost cannot be replaced.

I would much rather pay more personal income tax or a higher GST than see this mining project get the go ahead. Perhaps we all should take a leaf out of your book and do more community service, then the government would not need the revenue from such pariahs like these mining companies.

The government has no right to sell out our food security or our native environment!

Stay Strong

Dear Project Leader and all BHP staff associated with this project.

Well they say you can fool some of the people some of the time - but you cant fool all of the people all of the time. I'd say who ever though this one up got it right.

Your webpage on BHP Carooona is just a bloody snow job. [perhaps one of you Australian people there can tell any of the rest of you scratching your heads what I am on about].

And - putting forward a lousy \$5 million [\$1 a year and earmarking it for stuff to "aid the community" with this and with that, well you have to be bloody joking.

As an Australian male of 49 years born and bred in Sydney, I am disgusted by your companies concept of what constitutes good business practice.

Have a good long personal look at yourself for "Christ sake" and knock this stupidity on the head. How can you work for a company who behaves like this.

To the woman who appeared on the ABC program at midnight tonight - perhaps you have conned yourself about what the truth is - for you personally I mean - like the way you have about your companies intent and about truth. It sure seemed so to me when I watched you trying to explain the company line. I am sorry to say it just didn't wash for me, but you seem like such a sensible and intelligent person.

If you have managed to do a snow job on yourself, take heart, it can only be a short term thing – the truth will percolate to the surface for you in due course, you can bet your life on that

and perhaps become an asset for the Carooona people, though I guess that wont happen while BHP keep the money ticking into the bank for your. Bit embarrassing though, for you I mean.

Listen, I've got bugger all time to stump up with right now, but I reckon myself and a half dozen more mates could make our way to anywhere these good people of Caroonna may need me to be in order to reinforce their stance and shout it from the rooftops until you pack up and nick off for good.

Please save me the trouble, as I have my own work to do, oh and please don't offend me further by sending me any return "up the anti & increase the snow job type email".

Email me please, only if it is to admit you've been a silly duffer and confirm you will go dig somewhere else.

R D

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After watching Four Corners last night it razed a few questions in my mind, re the response of the coal co's. First let me introduce myself my name is Jxxx Sxxxxx and I worked as a underground coal miner for twenty five years.

First thing that I ask is while they say they won't long wall mine, they did not say anything about Board and Pillar mining or open cut mining.

As far as long wall mining goes I have seen the damage it did to the surface in a mine called Twenty Mile in Colorado in the US.

Another thing is what do they plan to do with the hundred of millions gallons of water they pump out of the mine. The mine I worked at was in the Blue Mountains it was only a small mine as mines go and we pumped out 3 million gallons a day, water contaminated with oil and sulfur and iron it was not safe to drink until treated at great expense.

Keep up the fight I have see first hand what goes on in coal mines and what the big company's can get away with.

Good Luck J S

Hello

Last night I watched the 4 corners program and was absolutely disgusted with what may happen to your land.

I live in Canberra and if there is anything I can do to assist to help stop the mining or even the exploration going ahead please let me know.

I feel that there is too much emphasis put on the \$'s for mining and not what they are doing to the country or the livelihood of the farmers. How can our government even consider this area to be mined when we are trying to reduce our carbon footprint.

I love this country and want it to be there for my grand children to enjoy.

Anything I can do to help I will. My daughter is also keen to assist in anyway we can.

Kind regards P C

Hi

I saw four corners about your plight and I would like to say that you people are true Australian heroes. If there are any petitions or any action ordinary people like me can do I would be glad to help. This is a dipicable proposition of greed and stupidity on a third world scale.

Thank you so much for your fighting for us.

Subject: Good on ya

Congratulations on fighting the good fight.
from one Australian to another...