

**From:**  
**To:** [Community Affairs, Committee \(SEN\)](#)  
**Subject:** Air monitoring  
**Date:** Thursday, 7 March 2013 1:51:22 PM

---

- By 7<sup>th</sup> march 2013

email:

[community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au)

As a resident of Wickham NSW and  
Long Standing Community Group member of GLOW  
Great Lifestyle of Wickham>

Dust from coal stock piles is “dusting the suburbs” of -Tighes Hill, Maryville, Wickham  
and Carrington and CBD Newcastle.

Having participated in the PWCs Reference panel for 6 years, my thought is the licencing  
reviews should be more rigorous toward measurement of the very fine coal particle.

30metre coal piles without cover or adequate technology to manage the coal particles  
flowing across Newcastle is not offering duty of care to people’s health.

The Newcastle Port Plan extends the stock pile to double the number of 30 metre piles for  
export. The Newcastle community will be smothered.

1. There is inadequate research to measure the loss of health and lung capacity
2. Inadequate technology for clean air processes on industry sites
3. And inadequate infrastructure to protect the people

The Newcastle community is at risk of Health and social degradation from excess fine coal  
particles inhaled 24 hours a day.

Please make reference to the tonnage and the movement of uncovered trains in the context  
of the massive stock piling which is in some cases at Tighes Hill metres from family homes.

The EPA follows protocol but has limited process and power to address the licence  
standards of the big multi nationals Rio Tinto Xstrata and so on.

More is needed to protect the lungs and future of the 6<sup>th</sup> Biggest city in Australia.

Thank you the opportunity to respond.

Lyn Kilby Great lifestyle of Wickham