

# HUNTER VALLEY

WINE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

6 March 2013

Senate Inquiry into the Impact on Health  
of Air Quality in Australia  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Inquiry into the Impacts of Health of Air Quality in Australia**

The Hunter Valley Wine Industry Association writes to endorse the submission prepared by the Hunter Valley Protection Alliance (HVPA) in regard to the above mentioned matter.

As stated within the HVPA paper, we reiterate the dangers to Hunter Valley residents with regard to dust and pollution which is being produced by open cut coal mines and coal fired power stations. We believe this activity is not only affecting our health, but also the health of live stock and the quality of grape used in the production of Hunter Valley wines.

The statistical information from the National Pollution Inventory for the year 2008 is concerning as it outlines the large volume of pollutants that fell on the Singleton Local Government Area due to having a large number of open cut mines compared to very low or nil deposits in other similar country areas who do not have open cut mines. As this activity continues to increase one must assume that the pollutant results will have also increased. What repercussions will occur should members of the community seek legal advice as their health deteriorates?

The Association would be pleased to meet with your offices should you wish to discuss our concerns in more detail.

Regards

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