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**To:** [Community Affairs Committee \(SEN\)](#)  
**Cc:**  
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Dear Committee,

SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACTS OF AIR QUALITY  
ON HEALTH

This opportunity to make a submission to this Committee is much appreciated.

DUST FROM COAL STOCK PILES AND MOVING COAL TRAINS:

In our Mackay Region and surrounds, and indeed all along the routes travelled by coal trains, the increasing incidence of respiratory ailments is now becoming more and more obvious, as demonstrated by the community survey conducted by citizens concerned about the proposed Dudgeon Point Coal Stockpile.

The photographic evidence of dust from moving carriages of coal trains, and even from stationary coal trains, is quite explicit.

Those of us who live around and along coal train routes, and those who are upwind or downwind of coal deposits, can testify to the effects of dust from stock piles of coal, and dust from coal trains.

It is imperative that the Federal Government implement it's previous intention to enforce current PM2.5 guidelines. It is also imperative that the fine coal dust prevalence is monitored.

Yours Sincerely,

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