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To the honourable board members,

I am writing this submission as my health was severely affected by living in Morwell and the recent mine fire.

I have lived in Morwell since Jan 23 2013. The only health condition I had was diabetes.

The air in Morwell would often make it hard for me to breath. On the 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014 I had congestive cardiac failure. I was struggling to get assistance and support from local health services and DHS.

During the fire I was again struggling to breath and was feeling really unwell.

Since the mine fire I was hospitalised as I had suffered strokes and heart attacks. I was also diagnosed with Encephalitis, Kidney failure, shingles, Stomach infection, intermittent blindness, internal bleeding and bladder infections, alarming blood readings, memory failure and liver problems which I am still waiting for a diagnosis. I have all my records and test results if required.

The local hospital and doctors have been much unprepared to consider the harm that may have been done by the toxins we breathed. There may also be a cover up of the damage done to people's health. I am appalled by the lack of treatment and services available.

I have been treated as a mental illness patient instead of having my health issues addressed.

I ask that you consider the following:

- The council needs to update its critical resident list and assist these people if there is a further incident. Assistance must be offered to remove people from such danger.
- Specialist independent testing that is funded by Medicare.
- The hospital needs to treat the conditions that have arisen from the mine fire, instead of misdiagnose and belittling the sick.
- Health assistance to those who are most vulnerable.
- Specialist doctors who can and will diagnose smoke induced illness and disease.
- Case managers are needed desperately.
- Compensation for the out of pocket expenses and undeniable health consequences suffered by the Latrobe Valley community
- Dietician services are lacking and could be greatly improved to reduce further damage
- Honest, open and transparent information and communications.

Thank you for your time

Yours sincerely

Evelyn Scott