

Mr. D. Roberts,  
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ABERAMAN, Aberdare

20th August 1963

Dear Sir,

**Danger from Coal Slurry being tipped at the rear of the Pantglas Schools**

In connection with the above my Public Works Superintendent has been in touch with Mr. Wynne, Manager at the Merthyr Vale Colliery in connection with the deposit of slurry on the existing tip at the rear of the Pantglas Schools.

I am very apprehensive about this matter and this apprehension is also in the minds of the local Councillors and the residents in this area as they have previously experienced, during periods of heavy rain, the movement of the slurry to the danger and detriment of people and property adjoining the site of the tips.

I understand that Mr. Wynne has told my Superintendent that the slurry is 40% dewatered before being tipped but he agrees of course, that this would not be a solution to the movement of the slurry in the winter time due to the absorption of storm water.

You are no doubt well aware that the tips at Merthyr Vale tower above the Pantglas Area and if they were to move a very serious position would accrue.

I should like your observations upon this as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

D.C.W. Jones

Borough and Waterworks Engineer

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