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In my opinion miming co.'s have had far to much power to ride roughshod over peoples right to object to their terrible intrusions into their land with no right of to fight back.

These laws were set up early last century to protect British mining companies and other large miners. This situation was barely tolerable when the miners were few in number and did not have the sophisticated machines they now use. What they found was free (finders keepers ) and the only cost to them was the actual cost finding and mining.

Today we live in a different world where people are far more numerous and aware. A new set of laws for the mining industry needs to be developed with all groups concerned involved in the process. Why we are continually expected to pay for and put up with their pollution and destruction I do not know. The new proposed rules hark back to the 17 century and are not appropriate in todays world in my opinion.

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