

Protests at mine under town area

PEOPLE in Rosewood (population 1800), near Ipswich, are still protesting against a colliery's application to extend mine workings under the main town area.

They claim that undermining the town would lessen the value of houses in the area, and eventually cause a cave-in danger.

Rosemount Colliery Co. has applied to the Mining Warden for mining rights below parts of the township.

A committee appointed by a public meeting last week is seeking legal opinion on whether it can restrain the colliery. A second public meeting will be held to-night.

"Near surface"

A Rosewood and District Progress Association spokesman said last night: "Some of the colliery workings are only about 100 feet underground. In some houses in Belmont Estate (North Rosewood) the crockery rattles when shots are fired in the mine workings below.

"In paddocks outside the town there are holes you could bury a draught horse in where workings have subsided.

"The proposed new workings would run right under the main street."

No representative of the colliery company could be contacted last night.