

Dealing the Environmental Economic Research to Provincial Regulation

Coal is abundance in South Kalimantan Province. It stays at the third place with 16.36% of total national stock.

With the government's policy in 1980 inviting direct foreign investment in the coal industry in East Kalimantan and South Kalimantan and allowing coal transportation vehicles to utilize public roads, the mining activity started to grow.

The coal trucks occupy almost half the road. Generally, they are overloaded. This transportation of coal also creates problems such as overloaded. This transportation of coal also creates problems such as increased road damage, road accidents, and road density leading to traffic jams.



By the way, the royalty who is collected by Central Government distributed very small to the district of coal producer while negative impact is very big.

Based on our research result the impact of coal mining on the economics development is not significant, such as income distribution, job creation, etc.

The results above I tried to communicate to government officer, NGOs, and journalists.

Through this communication some of them hear and remember me. Then, when they had a seminar or workshop regarding environment/natural resources, they invited me as a resources person. They were invited me come from Government, local, national, and international NGOs (Tropenbos International).

I have been also invited as resource person by the Television of Indonesian Republic (TVRI, Televisi Republik Indonesia) for an interview regarding the impact of coal mining in South Kalimantan Province.



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The research finding I wrote also at the NGO website (<http://www.jatam.org>). It is Mining Advocacy Network (JATAM, Jaringan Advokasi Tambang). The topic is *Jalan Negara dan Kutukan Batubara* (Public Road and Coal's Curse). The Indonesian Forum for Environment (National NGO, Walhi = Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia) will publish a book and accommodate my article.

For reducing the negative impact significantly and in short period were mostly recommended not using public road for coal truck transports. Finally, the governments of South Kalimantan Province released a Provincial Regulation (Perda, Peraturan Daerah) No. 3 Year 2008 to forbid coal trucks using the public roads, effectively, July 23, 2009. This was the significant impact locally of the study.



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