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Subject: Opposition to PWCS T\$ Coal Loader

I am shocked at the proposed expansion of coal export through Newcastle. I note that in setting out proposed guidelines for wind farms the NSW government has adopted a precautionary principle with respect to health and noise risks (which to date have no scientific basis) but not in the case of coal transport through populated areas. There is clear evidence that coal dust causes serious health risks and that dusk is associated with the transport of coal. Further, trains throughout the night (and day) increase discomfort experienced by repeated noise.

On these grounds alone, not to mention the environmental degradation of adjoining wetlands and parks, the expansion should not go ahead.

Sincerely, Patricia Asch