

Gabrielle Allan

From: sysadmin@interlated.com.au on behalf of Gardens of Stone <sysadmin@interlated.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 8:21 PM
To: Gabrielle Allan
Cc: jrobens@interlated.com.au; keith.muir6@bigpond.com
Subject: Angus Place mod 8 and West Coal Services mod 5 submission

I have made a reportable political donation:
No

I would like my name withheld: No

Jenny Pollak
whentimeisoftheessence@gmail.com
NSW

I am objecting to the proposal:
Yes

To whom it may concern,

I am a Sydney resident with a deep love of the unique and special Gardens of Stone – an area that I have explored extensively with walking groups and as an artist and photographer. There is no other region like it in NSW and I consider it a duty of care that we protect it for future generations to enjoy.

I am writing to you today because I am extremely concerned about the proposed mining project. In 2016 I documented two very special waterfalls in this area, waterfalls that were fed by the hanging swamps above them. Hanging swamps are very special and sensitive eco-systems that not many people are aware of. They filter and purify the water that passes through them and are sensitive to disturbances in the bedrock. Since the time that I documented these waterfalls the extension of a long wall mine below the hanging swamps resulted in the death of one of the swamps, and the subsequent death of one of the most beautiful and pristine waterfalls I have ever seen. Both the hanging swamp and the waterfall have now been lost forever because of this shortsighted project.

In the long term interests of preserving this very special and sensitive environment for future generations I ask you to reconsider a proposal that for short term gain will jeopardise the long term health and wellbeing of a very special and unique region.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Pollak

I believe that the short window of opportunity given to the public does not allow enough time for studied and detailed comment.

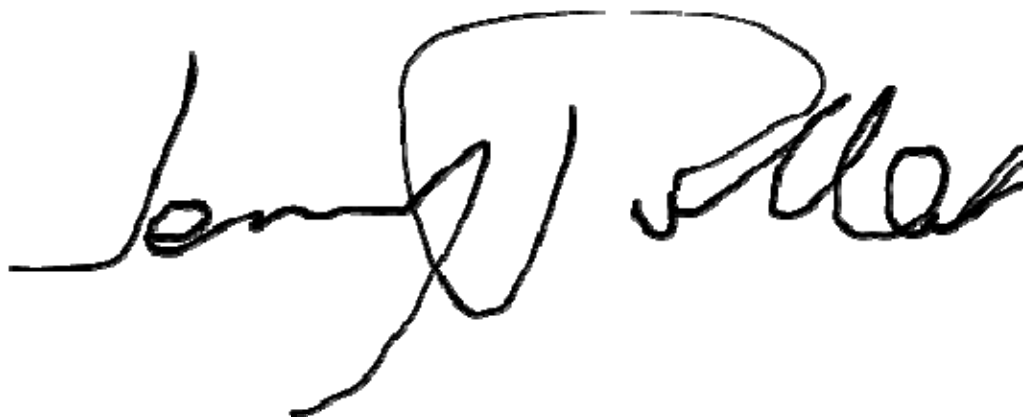
The proposed changes should be included in Centennial's development application for the Angus Park West Mining area in order to be properly assessed by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, particularly in the light of their proposal to by-pass the reverse osmosis treatment plant, a proposal that could greatly impact on the water quality of the Cox's River catchment area.

As I mentioned in my introductory letter, I have documented two waterfalls fed by hanging swamps, one of which later completely died after the hanging swamp dried out after extensions to one of the mines. I believe that this is a short sighted plan that will be detrimental to the long term well-being and health of the hanging swamps and the waterfalls that they feed.

I believe that there is a risk of contaminating Sydney's water catchment should large discharges of mine water be allowed. The possibility of flushing out heavy metals in the Wangcol Creek catchment must surely be avoided at all costs.

Centennial has not been able to demonstrate that the proposed changes will not impact the health of environment and water quality.

Having seen how Centennial Coal has already caused significant environmental damage and continued to act illegally I have no confidence that their future behaviour will be any better.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Tony Blair". The signature is written in a cursive, fluid style. The first part, "Tony", is written with a long horizontal stroke that loops back under the 'y'. The second part, "Blair", is written with a large, rounded 'B' and a series of loops for the 'l', 'a', 'i', and 'r'.