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Dear Director General,

I call on Department of Planning to reject this amendment to the previous approval granted to Apex Energy NL for the purpose of additional exploration and gas monitoring borehole with associated infrastructure and site access.

I call on Department of Planning to immediately stop all Part3A applications.

I call on Department of Planning to include ALL previous submissions opposing inappropriate development in this area including:

- 1994 Helensburgh Commission of Inquiry;
- various rounds of submissions from 1995 to 2009 to Wollongong City Council on the rezoning of 7d lands at Helensburgh, Otford and Stanwell Park;
- over 3,00 submissions against the 2010 Willana Report; and
- the latest submissions in response to the Wollongong City Council "Preliminary Review Report" which total over 18,500 submissions.

Which total well over 45,000 submissions on these environmentally sensitive lands.

I also refer Department of Planning to Premier Keneally's decision to stop the Tillegra Dam in the face of 2,800 submissions against that project.

I quote "The project is not in the public interest" and "...the precautionary principle should be invoked..." and "...uncertainty about the impacts of the project..." and "...is of the view that the proposal is not in the public interest and should be refused..."

If 2,800 submissions can mobilize a Premier to stop a dam, Department of Planning must apply the same principles used by Premier Keneally in the Tillegra Dam and STOP this project entirely - construction has not started on Sydney Catchment Authority lands and NOW is the time to make sure it NEVER happens.

A two week period for submissions on such an important issue is clearly not in the public interest. I look forward to the Premier personally intervening to stop this project.

Yours faithfully,
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