

To whom it may concern,

Owing to the unreliable history of mining in NSW and Queensland where mining companies have not followed legal requirements, governments have been in collusion for economic reasons and not shown concern for the environment, where ongoing assessments have been inadequate, and where mining activity “down the track” has bled into original agreements , I must express my grave concerns for the Alkane Mine at Toongi.

Following are other concerns I hold for this project.

1. The radioactive materials associated with the project are of major concern. Toongi has the largest deposit of uranium in NSW. This project could be a back door to uranium mining in NSW
2. The project will disturb 170 ha including three endangered ecological communities and habitat for the threatened pink tailed worm lizard
3. The management of tailings and waste water leachate is high risk. The need for an annual water use of 4,000 million litres of water per year is significant. The possible impacts on the health of Wambangalang Creek and Macquarie River are high.
4. Impacts on groundwater have not been clearly identified
5. The impacts of the proposed pipeline and powerline have not been included in the impact assessment
6. The increase in truck movements and social impacts are not acceptable
7. The economic analysis of the project does not consider cost benefits

Yours faithfully,

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