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Major Planning Assessments
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a currently resident of one of Sydney's inner suburbs, however I spent considerable time in my youth living close to nature and became aware early of the value of nature and the environment in human existence. I live in rental accommodation Earlwood in a 900sqm block for the simple reason I need to be able to see trees when I am away from my desk at work and feel it's necessary to get my hands into the soil and grow some of my own produce to affirm my values that organic, sustainable and locally produced is best.

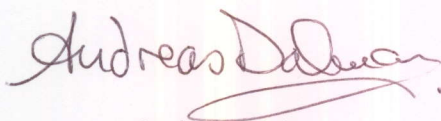
I am a member of the Wilderness Society, Get!Up, AAVAZ and I am on the Nature Council Of NSW mailing list among others. While I actively support many actions these groups champion, it is the environmental issues which resonate the strongest with me since the way we leave the environment is the legacy we leave our children and future generations and what will ultimately be used to measure our integrity and value in the big picture.

I am outraged to discover that my tax dollars are being funneled into the Cobbora Coal project. I strongly object to being forcibly made to support such an outdated energy model which will generate additional greenhouse gases and is in conflict with the State and Federal policies in place to reduce climate change. The damage to high conservation and agricultural value land is totally unacceptable as is the threat to threatened and endangered species. If this was not enough the insult to Aboriginal communities is heinous since the project would destroy significant Aboriginal cultural heritage sites. Finally and not least important are the concerns about the ongoing water consumption of the project which would compete with the established Mudgee wine and tourism industries.

As is so often the case with these types of short sighted and un-sustainable projects, insufficient research has been done into the full implications and impacts to the environment, existing infrastructure and communities.

I trust these reasons are sufficient to reject the Cobbora Coal project and use the money instead for sustainable ethically responsible ventures.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Andreas Dalman', with a stylized flourish underneath.

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