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Major Planning Assessments
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am an active member of the Tomaree Rate Payers and Residents Association Inc, EcoNetwork Port Stephens Inc and the Shoal Bay Community Association Inc.

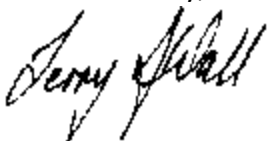
I am absolutely appalled that the NSW State Government is about to grant permission for the Cobbora Coal development to proceed.

I wish to object on the grounds:

1. Global Climate Change Risk: 99 percent of scientists believe that human released carbon is having a catastrophic effect on the delicate balance of the worlds climate and to ignore this evidence in favor of corporate mis-information is an absolute crime. Using the precautionary principal is a common sense and anyone with a vestige of moral integrity would never agree to this program.
2. Renewable energy is now so close to "on a par with carbon based energy" in terms of cost, that it makes any decision involving long term investment shaky at best. Take away the taxpayer subsidies that the fossil industry still receives and add some charge for the toxins released by burning coal, oil and gas and the answer will see proponents in the International Court of Justice.
3. Those who suggest that we need base load power has not been looking at the data. Most of Australians live on the east coast where there are lots of hills allowing for hydro storage which can provide a easy and inexpensive battery, filling in the gaps needed by renewable energy sources.

The investment should better be spent on Bio Char production, tree planting, water efficiency technology. Water and food are the new areas of concern. Corporate stupidity is well demonstrated by the over development of the electricity transmission just at the very time when electricity is about to become cheaper when produced locally.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry J Wall', written in a cursive style.

Terry J Wall