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Dear Ms Newman,

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I am submitting this objection to the building of a fourth coal loader , planned by PWCS on Kooragang Island : the T4 proposal.

1. I am concerned over the environment and object to further pollution of the atmosphere. I have recently moved from Stockton but intend to continue to spend time there on a regular basis. The coal dust from the storage and dispatch of coal from Kooragang Island, blows over Stockton continuously. My balcony, house walls and all outside items were requiring to be cleaned of black matter at least weekly. Even indoor items were blackened – there are still furnishings and furniture items, brought to my new address which yield black water when being cleaned. This black dust must be detrimental to the respiratory system, and the cumulative effect on the health of the communities close to these facilities is of great concern.
2. The Hunter region has a very high rate of asthma and associated respiratory diseases. Bringing the additional coal trains through the urban precincts such as Newcastle and Maitland is not desirable, and poses a risk to health. Further stockpiling of coal on Kooragang Island is unacceptable. The dust blows all across the following suburbs: Stockton, Carrington, Mayfield, Hamilton, depending on the direction of the wind. When I lived in Hamilton the pale coloured tiles on my verandah were constantly blackened and I am convinced this fallout hastened the death of my husband, who died of emphysema at Hamilton. The entire Hunter Valley is under threat from the cumulative effects of the mining of coal, as it contributes to many health problems other than respiratory.
3. I support the policy of Doctors for the Environment, Australia, which accepts that coal mining cannot be terminated immediately because of the effects of unemployment, however it opposes the opening of any new mines.
4. All fossil fuel mining should be phased out and replaced with renewable energy programs. Global warming and the greenhouse gas effects are of great concern. To expand the mining industry at this time is foolhardy. The additional coal loader will generate such expansion, because of its additional

capacity.

5. Already the Hunter Region is burdened with excessive mining. The Hunter River and Liverpool Plains are important food producing areas, which have been reduced by mining. These prime agricultural lands need protection. A world food shortage is predicted, therefore governments have an obligation to protect productive land and farming industries.
6. Worldwide the use of fossil fuel needs to be reduced and eventually phased out because of its effect on climate change, globally. Australia is contributing to carbon pollution through supplying the coal to feed ever more power stations in other parts of the world. To facilitate more coal export is irresponsible.
7. This coal terminal will not assist in job creation, as after the construction phase there will not be any additional jobs. I understand that the degree of automation will negate the need for additional employment.
8. It is my understanding that this additional coal loader is actually not needed, and that requirements of existing mines can be met by some re-arrangement of procedures.

I sincerely request that this T4 program NOT PROCEED.