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This is a submission objecting to the proposed Port Waratah Coal Services T4 development in Newcastle (10-0215)

Newcastle is already over-run with coal trains, 3 existing coal loaders & coal ships. The effect is already damaging to the environment & people's health. I have a number of friends that live in the Mayfield area and they speak of the coal dust accumulating on their houses, cars & clothes. Medical experts now say the tiniest of particulate matter (PM) causes respiratory & other diseases.

I am a frequent visitor to Kooragang Island and the wetlands, and I can see that the proposed T4 ~~works~~ will hugely impact on this wonderful area. Migratory shorebirds are vulnerable and need to be protected, especially the bar-tailed godwits which make annual round trips to Alaska and back to me a most amazing feat of navigation, determination & endurance.

It is unacceptable to destroy further the habitat in Swan Pond & Deep Pond where they visit, roost, feed & breed.

The extra rail movement needed to supply the T4 with even more mountains of coal is totally unacceptable. The coal trucks (carriags) are not covered and are the source of a great deal of coal dust into the atmosphere.

I'm a member of the Hunter Valley Gliding Club at Singleton and am often horrified at the scale & magnitude of the damage caused by coal mining in the valley & damage to farmland the natural environment & the community that live there. Further expansion of coal mining will only increase this destruction. We don't need to expand coal mining any further.

It seems to me quite absurd that we have a federal government that is about to embark on a price on carbon as a means of tackling climate change when at the same time TA will increase pollution from coal mining & hugely increase our carbon emissions.

TA has NO benefits, only defects, there I oppose it.

Yours Sincerely
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