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 Mr Barry O'Farrell, MP

Dear Premier, Re: Proposed Fourth Coal Export Terminal

The North Coast Environment Council is the peak regional environment group in NSW. The NCEC represents over 30 groups and individuals from the Hunter to the Tweed and west to Armidale. Since its inception in 1976 the NCEC has worked to see our natural heritage valued and protected.

The North Coast Environment Council wishes to join the protest from all over the Hunter and wider NSW against the proposal by Port Waratah Coal Services to build a fourth coal export terminal in Newcastle.

We feel NSW is already contributing far too much to global emissions without bringing further discomfort, disease and environmental damage to Newcastle, the Hunter and the Liverpool Plains.

In Newcastle the Fourth Coal Terminal project would see 41 more coal trains running through Newcastle and Maitland every day, increasing dust related health problems such as asthma and other respiratory ailments.

As you know pollution from coal affects all major body organ systems and contributes to the leading causes of morbidity and mortality.

The Fourth Coal Terminal would facilitate many more large coal mines (the equivalent of at least 15 'mega-pits') in the Hunter and Liverpool Plains which already threaten food and water security by destroying prime agricultural land, irreversibly damaging ground water systems and polluting waterways.

The proposal also carries the risk of mobilising toxic contaminants on Kooragang Island, the former BHP Steelworks site, and in the South Arm of the Hunter River, and too little is known about the risks to ensure the communities of Newcastle will be protected from toxic accidents, seepage and accidents.

Recent events at Orica have not instilled confidence in the public that your government can prevent an even greater disaster in Newcastle than at Gladstone Port in the GBR WHA.

There is no plan to fully remediate the sites.

The coal exported would provide the capacity to feed at least 15 more large power stations around the world emitting 288 million tonnes of carbon pollution each year and fuelling climate change. While that tonnage will not appear on NSW's emissions level register our State is already doing a huge disservice to future generations.

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This project would damage internationally important wetlands that provide critical habitat for protected migratory bird species and nationally threatened species including the Green and Golden Bell Frog and the Australasian Bittern. An area within the site is currently owned by the National Parks service, and provides irreplaceable habitat for migratory shore birds. The proposal will mean loss of habitat and disruption to an ecologically significant proportion of a population of four migratory shorebird species listed under international conservation conventions.

At least 11 species of migratory birds recognised by international treaties rely on the habitat at "Deep Pond" and its proximity to the Hunter estuary Ramsar site. Most of Deep Pond, the only freshwater refuge in the Hunter estuary, would be lost to this project.

The Environmental Assessment fails to meet the requirements set out by both the State and Federal agencies, and the proposal represents an unacceptable risk to the Australasian Bittern.

After construction, the coal terminal will provide no additional employment. Rather, it is likely to result in the loss of other economic activities in the port, such as tourism, fishing and other shipping.

For all these reasons we ask you to not approve this unnecessary and potentially disastrous project.

Yours faithfully,

John Jeayes for the NCEC.
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