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The Secretary,
Department of Planning,
GPO Box 39,
Sydney. 2001.

Dear Ms McNally,

Submission in objection of the **BYLONG COAL PROJECT: SSD14_6367**

We are writing as concerned landowners, farmers and residents in the Hunter Valley to object to the application by the Korean power company, Kepco for the Bylong Coal Project.

Our family ties with the land and farming goes back to the early 1840's in the Hunter Valley. We have witnessed the destruction that mining is causing to our high fertile land here in the Singleton/Jerry's Plains area, and cannot believe that the Government and Planning department are preparing to allow for the destruction of the Byland Valley and to the renowned Tarwyn Park's natural sequence farming.

Some of our major concerns of objection:

1. With ties going back to the early 1840's. We believe that European heritage is very important especially the Cemetery at the Catholic Church. Would you like the idea of some overseas mining company digging up your family members and putting them somewhere else? Many years after they were laid to rest in their beloved Bylong Valley. The social impacts on the Bylong community have already been truly tested. There are many historic homesteads and their farm buildings will be destroyed in the open cut, along with the Upper Bylong Public School.
2. The proposal to replace Bioregional Significant Agricultural Land (BSAL) at another location has the potential to be at high risk, as it has not been tested previously. There will be a significant area of high quality agricultural land that will be destroyed with the mine footprint covering almost 3,000 hectares, including BSAL and land that has been mapped as Critical Equine Industry Cluster land.
3. This mine is proposing to use up to 1,942ML of water per year. This is over 75% of the annual rainfall recharge for the area. The highly connected alluvial aquifer system within the stressed Bylong River catchment will have predicted peak losses of up to 295 million litres per year. The River system is over allocated & the local farmers will lose their important water supply.

These farmers will be greatly affected by these significant impacts on the groundwater and surface water.

4. Our main concern is that the predicted long-term impacts on this high fertile agricultural land and water systems in the Bylong Valley and cannot be mitigated through proposed offsets and rehabilitation. Once this land and water is destroyed and /or contaminated by mining it will not be there for our future generations, for our food security. Mining is a one off, when the coal is taken out that's it.

There are many other aspects of this proposal that are worthy of mentioning in objection, however we are sure other objectors will highlight these.

This beautiful Bylong Valley is home to some of the best quality agricultural land and water in the Hunter Valley. The Bylong Valley Way surrounded by National Parks and spectacular views is officially one of the top ten drives in Australia. IT IS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE.

Please protect Bylong so it can continue to be part of the sustainable future for Australia.

We respectfully ask that you register our objection to this proposal and seriously consider our objections when assessing the appropriateness of the Bylong Coal Proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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