

Submission of Objection to the Bylong Coal Project

I wish to submit my objections to the Bylong Coal Project – SSD 14 6367

The Korean power company Kepco is proposing to mine 6.5 million tonnes of coal per year (mtpa) over a 25 years from 2 open cut pits and an underground mine in the highly fertile Bylong Valley.

The impacts on this prime agricultural land and water systems in the Bylong valley is unsustainable & will not be mitigated through proposed offsets and rehabilitation.

The mine footprint will disturb 2,875ha of significant agricultural land and to replace this in another location is untested and high risk.

The impacts on groundwater and surface water will be significant and is unsustainable

Endangered species including Rock Wallaby, New Holland Mouse, Regent Honeyeater & Spotted-tailed quoll in the area will be impacted and a significant area of critically endangered Grassy-Box Gum Woodland will be destroyed along with 17 threatened birds & 7 threatened plants.

The impacts on Aboriginal cultural areas is unacceptable to say nothing of important European heritage, including the Catholic Church Cemetery, Upper Bylong Public School and a number of historic homesteads & farm buildings will be destroyed in the open cut. The social impacts on the Bylong community have already been devastating.

For all the above reasons I wish to lodge my objections to the Bylong Coal Project.