

5/11/2015

To:- Dept of Planning

Attention:- Executive Director and Steve O'Donoghue

Re:- Bylong Coal Project

From:- Jennifer Bunnell.
7650 Bylong Valley Way
BYLONG.

4.11.15

Re: Submission on Bylong Coal Project.
 ATT Executive Director Eagle Hill'
 + Steve O'Donoghue 7650 Bylong Valley Way
 Resource Assessments + Business System Bylong 2849
 Dept of Planning.

As the owner of above property, I am very concerned. Having owned this property for 25 years, - 800 acres, very productive pasture + farming land, including 200 acres irrigation 380 megalitre license, (Bylong River License.) 70 acre Central Pivot irrigation system. Lucerne hay production, plus 100 beef Cows + Calves + 200 ewes + lambs.

My concerns are.
Water.

Kepeco plan to take approximately 2000 megalitres about 3 kms above our wells upstream from the Bylong river system + about another 500 mgs for their irrigation + stock water.

There is not enough under ground water in this valley for farming + mining.

Dust

The dust from the Hunter Valley mines with an easterly wind + Blans + Wilpenjong mines with a westerly wind, stays trapped in the Bylong valley for days. So the valley with Kepeco mine will be impossible to live with, the effect on our health now is bad. Also dust on pastures for cattle + sheep is detrimental to them + they don't like to eat tainted pastures.

Noise, lights + Diesel Machinery fumes

Noise will impact, lights from Coal loader wash plant + mine pit will impact plus Diesel Machinery fumes.

Our burden pit 1.5 - 2 km from our house
though only 400-500 metres from back
boundary of Eagle Hill property.

We object strongly against this mine
going ahead.

Thanking you.

Yours Faithfully

Owner (Miss) Jennifer Burrell
Partner Graham Tannet



Office of the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW

Ms Jennifer Burrell
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Dear Miss Burrell

I refer to your letter to the Hon Anthony Roberts, Minister for Resources and Energy, concerning the proposed Bylong Coal Project. Given that your letter relates to a proposed development application for coal mining, your letter was referred to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, who has asked me to respond on his behalf.

First of all, it is important that I note that the Bylong Coal Project is still at an early stage of the development assessment process. I am advised that the applicant, Kepco Bylong Australia Pty Ltd (Kepco), has recently lodged a request with Planning and Infrastructure for its Director-General's requirements (DGRs). These have the purpose of ensuring that there is sufficient information in the necessary Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project to make a properly-informed decision regarding its merits. The agency's DGRs will be prepared in consultation with all key Government agencies.

I can assure you that these DGRs will ensure that all the issues that you have raised in your letter, including potential agricultural, water and air quality impacts in the Bylong Valley, will be addressed in detail in EIS for the project.

I am also advised that Kepco has applied for a Gateway Certificate from the Government's independent Gateway Panel, which is currently assessing the agricultural and water impacts of the project against a set of scientific criteria. The Gateway Panel can issue two types of Gateway Certificates – a certificate which confirms that the proposal meets these scientific criteria, or a conditional certificate which may include recommendations such as further studies or modifications to the project.

Yours sincerely

Craig Baumann MP
Parliamentary Secretary

17 Mar 14