via **Bylong**

Make a submission objecting to the Bylong coal project by November 6: http://bit.ly/1M7kUIi

To the NSW Department of Planning and Environment,

The Bylong Valley is a highly fertile area of great historical significance to both Aboriginal and European peoples, and it should not be mined for coal.

Kepco's proposed mine will destroy the renowned Tarwyn Park natural sequence farming site. The predicted long-term impacts on prime agricultural land and water systems from the mine are unacceptable and will not be mitigated through proposed offsets and rehabilitation.

A significant area of prime agricultural land will be destroyed including 440 ha of Bioregional Significant Agricultural Land (BSAL), plus 700 ha of mapped Critical Equine Industry Cluster land.

The mine proposes to use up to 1,942 million litres per year, which is over 75% of the annual rainfall recharge. The Bylong River system is over allocated and local farmers will lose important water supply.

The mine disturbance area has very high biodiversity values that will not be mitigated through the proposed offset arrangements. A significant area of critically endangered Grassy Box Gum Woodland will be destroyed along with habitat for 17 threatened birds and 7 threatened plants. The impact of the mine's water use on the famous Wollemi Pine, which was discovered nearby, has not even been factored in to Kepco's Environmental Impact Statement.

144 Aboriginal heritage sites have been identified at risk from mine impacts. Important European heritage, including the Catholic Church Cemetery, Upper Bylong Public School and a number of historic homesteads and farm buildings will be destroyed by the open cut. The social impacts on the Bylong community have already been devastating. For these reasons, I believe that the Bylong coal Project should not be approved.

My addditional comments

I totally agree. Mining this valley is just madness. Where is the common sense in distroying fertile land for short term gains. Really be true to yourselves knowing what is right.

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Your view on the application (circle one): ~~I'm opposed~~   I support it   I'm just providing comments

☐ I don't want to hear updates from the Battle for Bylong campaign.