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To: "www.planning.nsw.gov.au/" .?
Subject: Airly Colliery DA 162/91 Modification 3

Dear Sir/Madam.

As President of the Upper Blue Mountains Bushwalking Club, I am writing to register our dismay and disgust at the proposal by Centennial Coal to mine this area in contravention of the restrictions applicable to land that is now a State Conservation Area.

The whole purpose of putting this area under this classification was to protect the area from destructive developments such as this and the Application has been made with the hope of circumventing this by rather dubious means. There is no doubt that Centennial Coal intends to wring every dollar possible out of this development and at the same time pay only lip service to any conservation requirements as is evidenced by considerable damage that has been done to surrounding areas by opposition companies extracting coal. At stake are the destruction of easily accessible pagodas that are very prominent from vantage points along the Castlereagh Highway as well as a considerable number of historical artefacts dating back to the days when this area was mined for shale oil. I might add that these earlier miners left the area relatively intact, itself a lesson for later generations.

We are also concerned about the failure to consider downstream impacts on the World Heritage Area in the current proposal as operations proposed under Modification 3 can discharge water pollution into Airly Creek which would impact on the Gardens of Stone National Park.

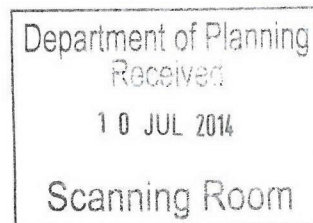
We urge you to insist that any mining to be done in this area must concur with the requirements applicable to a State Conservation Area.

This is not just for our generation. It is for the benefit of generations that follow us.

Thanking you.

Yours Faithfully

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