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OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL WALLARAH 2 COAL PROJECT APPLICATION NO.SSD - 4974

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing as concerned residents for the future of the Wyong water catchment which supplies water to over 300,000 residents on the Central Coast and the permanent damage which will be done to the environment if this mine goes ahead.

We are looking at subsidence of no known figure and the damage it will cause to the flood plains which is a critical point in the long wall mining process. The migratory birds that feed here would loose their feeding grounds and they come in their thousand at different times. These birds are protected by the Federal EPBC Acts. The impact of subsidence on the flood plains along Jilliby Road would also cause heavy flooding and cut off the road access to the valley which is already a problem in heavy rainy periods.

The original Kores application was rejected by the previous Government on the grounds of unsustainability. Nothing new changes that concept it is just a rework of the previous application. Kores paint a very tentative picture for protection of the coast's potable water supply and Professor Pells of NSW University dismisses their claims that there will be NO EFFECT upon the water supply due to impervious layers between the surface and the mine seam. How can anyone believe these lies just to extrapolate coal for 28 years and ruin these beautiful valleys and leave a desert of devestation and misery.

The properties along the Hue Rd. Will be seriously impacted by subsidence at an approximate of 1.75 metres and the dust and noise from the stockpiling and rail movements on the established suburbs of Blue Haven, Wyee and all along the rail corridor will impact on peoples health.

Kores has failed to address adequately all the issues surrounding this application. The proposal should be rejected outright as the long term damage and effects to the coast's water, infrastructure, amenity and health is catastrophic. The burning of this resource over 30 years has not been evaluated upon the damage to the earth's climate and should be condemned. In conscience this mining proposal should be and is totally abhorent.

As land holders on the Jilliby flood plains we know only too well the impact that mining subsidence would create here it would be an environmental disaster. Personally we would be affected and our livelihood taken away and our property devalued considerably. The impact of mining is just too horrible to contemplate.

The mere fact that the aquifers would be destroyed in the process of long wall mining affecting the water supply to the Central Coast, subsidence on a huge scale, coal dust and health issues for young families in new sub divisions and what this will leave behind should be taken into very serious consideration.

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Yours faithfully,

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Dated 19<sup>th</sup> May,2013