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Objection to proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Project – Application No. SSD - 4974

Dear Sir/Madam,

After examining the evidence and using my own plain common sense, I have no doubt that a mine in the Wyong valleys (Dooralong and Yarramalong) would seriously and dramatically hurt the lives of every person not only living in the Wyong region, but the entire NSW Central Coast (more than 300,000 people).

It makes no sense to allow a foreign company (or a national company, for that matter) to cause this much damage to the people and the environment, regardless of the amount of money they promise to invest. If we keep putting profits and revenue as our number one priority, and put people's quality of life and health second, then our government would consolidate itself as a corporatist, fascist, state who puts the interests of corporations above the interests of the people they are supposed to serve, and that elect them into power to begin with.

This coal mine would severely pollute the quality of our water supply, which would in turn have a profound effect on people's health. This would translate overtime into greater medical costs for the government as well. The coal mine would also create dust and noise impacting suburbs like Blue Haven, Wyee, Morisset, Cardiff and southern suburbs of the port of Newcastle. The ramifications of this project ever going ahead would be far-reaching in a myriad of ways.

There are several flora species listed as threatened, and some even endangered, under the Federal EPBC Act with binding agreements with several countries (including the South Korean government), that live within the proposed mining area.

On top of everything I have already mentioned, and I stress once again, it makes no sense to sacrifice the lives of our people and our environment in order to provide a foreign country with 6% of their future energy consumption. The damage caused to the environment would have a lasting impact not only on those who are alive today but on our future generations.

I trust that for the sake of common sense and of doing what is right for the people that you are supposed to protect, you will choose to shut down the Wallarah 2 Coal Mining Proposal once and for all.

Sincerely yours,



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