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Dear Sir/Madam

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

I am writing to object to the Wallarah 2 Coal Project on several grounds:

1. Subsidence, even in the amount admitted to by Kores, will ruin homes, sheds, dams, creeks/streams (which damage is irreparable), and any other structures that people have invested in, not to forget the damage to the roads. The valleys have enough trouble having the roads maintained to a safe standard, that the impact of subsidence on top of that would have a huge impact on the area;
2. The valleys of Dooralong/Jilliby, Little Jilliby & Yarramalong form part of the water catchment for the Wyong & Gosford Shires, which encompasses around 300,000 people. The water drawn from the rivers that flow through those valleys is collected and pumped both directly into the town water system as well as into a storage dam to create a safety net for when droughts occur (of which several have occurred in the past 15 years). The area's population is growing at a fast rate and thus any threat to the town water supply must be prevented (as the environmental impacts of expensive desalination plants far outweigh their ability to step in and provide water that freely runs down the rivers);
3. The health impacts of coal dust this on the lungs of those who live in the area around the coal pile (eg asthma) has been warned about by NSW Health in their "Mine Dust & You" facts sheet dated Jan 2006.

It seems insane to me to be jeopardising the water catchment of the Central Coast and health of the residents. If the mine goes ahead you can forget people investing in business or wanting to retire up here. The pristine valleys will become a wasteland as they have done elsewhere.

Regards



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