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

Dear Sir/Madam

We have been objecting to the proposed Kores mine since 2007, and have voiced this objection via submissions to the relevant NSW Government Department and via many letters to NSW State MPs.

To strengthen our opposition to the proposed mine, we have joined the Australian Coal Alliance (ACA) and other community groups in their ongoing opposition.

As the ACA states, "The original application by Wyong Areas Joint Coal Venture (WAJCV), Kores P/L, in 2010 was rejected by the previous NSW Government in March 2011 on grounds of unsustainability (ESD principles) and the Government's application of the Precautionary Principle. Nothing in the new application changes that concept as essentially it is a reworking of the previous application. The current NSW Government's "Aquifer Interference Policy" as intended should nullify the application at hand."

Our objections to the proposed mine are:

- Damage to our water catchment which cannot be quantified prior to mining taking place;
- The extent of the damage that would occur is considered to be most significant by the experts of the mine's opponents, who calculate that once mining is complete there will be a loss of 3,000 megalitres of water per year;
- In an ABC article today we read that consulting engineer for Wyong Council, Professor Philip Pells says Wallarah's EIS shows 90 homes may experience subsidence problems of between one and two metres, while more than 10 houses could face movements of more than two and a half metres. Wallarah Two spokesman Patrick Southam thought Professor Pells "tends to overblow this as an issue". We suspect Mr Southam's house is not in danger of subsiding two metres;
- Dust and noise from stockpiling and rail movements would impact on the established suburbs of Blue Haven and Wyee and all along the rail corridor from Morisset through Cardiff and southern suburbs to the port of Newcastle. The proponent fails to adequately address these ramifications. The growing population of northern Wyong shire would be in danger of becoming medical statistics which show increased rates of respiratory illnesses and disease in communities exposed to coal dust;
- 19 species of avian migratory waders in the area are protected under the Federal EPBC Act with binding agreements with China (CAMBA), Japan (JAMBA) and Korea itself (ROKAMBA). The proposal directly affects these agreements.

The Director-General's Requirements are extensive and in most areas Kores have failed to address these adequately. The proposal should be rejected outright as the prospect of long term damage to our water infrastructure, amenity and health is horrifying.

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