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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing an objection to the proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Project – Application No. SSD-4974. I am 15 years old and a resident of the Yarramalong Valley.

I believe mining Australia's environment has been destroyed and put health at risk. Well now it is headed towards the Yarramalong Valley and Dooralong Valley on the Central Coast, NSW. This will affect our community's health, our water quality, our general wellbeing and ability to work the land. The project owners are determined for this to go ahead but there is strong community opposition to this mining project. We need to choose water over coal for future generations and us. Not many people are aware of this geographical issue and we need the government to say "no."

The mining of the two valleys on the Central Coast is going to have a major impact on our health. Many people will be affected by land subsidence with the mine dust being carried from the water catchment area to Wyee. The mining company will build a gigantic coal loader right next door to the largest urban growth area on the Central Coast. This will be 2.4km from the proposed Warnervale town center, 2.9km from Blue Haven and close to Wyong Hospital and Lake Haven Shopping Centre. (australiancoalalliance.com/coal_dust.htm). This will have a major impact on the surrounding houses, communities and schools full of children including "Lakes Grammar, An Anglican School" which I attend in Warnervale. My school and Mackillip Catholic College at Warnervale are right near the railway station, which will be affected majorly with coal dust. This is a major health concern for the young children attending these schools and living nearby. There have been cases where people who work with coal and inhale the dust develop "black lung" which is a cancer caused by dust. Who's to say that the general community can't develop "black lung" as every year 400 workers die from black lung disease. We do not want mining on the Central Coast. (www.lungcancerfact.com/lung_cancer.causes/coal_dust/).

The South Korean Government wants to mine under our valleys. These valleys supply 50% of the water catchment for the entire Central Coast of NSW. The weir and the pump pool for the Mardi Dam are located within the horizontal subsidence zone of the proposed coalmine project. The mining under the valleys may contaminate the Wyong River and the Dooralong creeks which all run into the Tuggerah Lake. This water is pumped up into the Mardi Dam and supplies the Central Coast with Water. Do we want the South Koreans to take our coal and ruin our landscape and water catchments in return for money and compensation? Without water, how do we survive? We need to stop these plans for mining as it is going to have a major impact on our natural environment as well as our health.

Our land. Do you think mining under the ground won't affect our land and our way of life? Then you are wrong. This will have a big effect on our land. The Korean company says that subsidence is unavoidable but if this happens it will affect the natural lay of the land and the natural water flow, which will no longer go into creeks and water catchment. I am concerned that if the water does reach the water catchment it will affect the quality of our drinking water. It is said that the land may fall up to 3-meter s. It will affect our flora and fauna. This will effect our general life, if the land falls and housing is affected all they will offer is compensation and this does not fix everything else that is happening as a result of the mining project.

Do you want to run out of water? Get black lung cancer and die? Have only compensation for the land subsidence that ruins your house? The mining plan that is to go under our valleys is a geographical issue on the Central Coast. We need to say "no". Our health and environment are at risk. We can't let this overseas company come and take our coal. Reject this proposal.

Yours faithfully,



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