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

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Walker Family have resided in this region for over 100 years - our family home at 336 Yarramalong Road, Wyong Creek, in the Yarramalong Valley, has been our primary form of income for more than forty years. It is the base for a growing family of three generations and supports the local and regional community of more than 50 young children and adults learning to ride horses. Our family are conservationists at heart and have a strong connection with the land that supports our income through breeding Australian Stock Horses and children's ponies.

The condition of the land surrounding the property and region as a whole offers the efficiency and effectiveness of our business and family livelihood.

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Subsidence and water quality impacts would have significant effects on the condition and safety of our horses and would have a detrimental affect on our income. Impact to the bloodlines would greatly impact the longevity of horse breeding communities in Australia. The water table in the immediate vicinity of the Marene Stud property is close to the surface and provides the rich pastures for our stock to feed. Without this high quality feed available we would be forced to bring in feed sourced from other regions affecting both our income and increasing the carbon foot print of our business.

The local and migratory species in the region are unique and special to us. Migratory birds locations across the globe are diminishing, particularly in South Korea and China. These stopovers are critical to the continued success of the species. Remaining primary habitats for these species is essential to the long-term protection of such wonderful creatures.

Community impacts such as poor water quality, dust and noise will fundamentally change the region and disadvantage both current residents and future community members of the wonderful landscape currently here.

The development is not supported by our family as it ^{IS NOT} a renewable resource and is both highly impacting and completely unsustainable. We should

be focussing on more progressive options where possible.

We see ourselves as custodians of the land,
We aim to protect, support and where possible improve the ecosystem, whilst sustainably interacting with the environment and supporting our family.

Our questions to you.

- * What level of measuring and monitoring was conducted during the original investigations?
- * What level of protection will you promote to the water quality?
- * What level of protection will you give to threatened species?

Yours faithfully
Maureen Walker

On behalf of our family

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