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PROPOSED COAL MINING CENTRAL COAST

Dear Director

Coal Mining on the Central Coast must NOT be allowed to happen. The Liberal Party assured us it would not happen.

If the coal mine proposed by Kores proceeds, the effect on the Yarramalong and Dooralong Valley's will almost certainly be:-

- contamination of the water in the catchment area.
- Subsidence under houses, sheds and dams
- health issues resulting from coal dust
- · reduction in commercial activity with resulting loss of jobs.

We left Sydney for health reasons.

In August, 2002, we purchased 10 acres of land in Yarramalong $\, \xi \,$, like many locals, take great pride in our property.

The air in this valley is so pure that the lichen grows on all the trees, and the wild life, wallabies and birds are abundant. There is bass in the local wyong creek, which is the water catchment for the Central Coast and surrounds.

The locals have tried to keep our valley a secret for many years, because of the Natural beauty, and being on the Great North Walk!

The coal dust will force us to move again!
Selling in the current market is extremely difficult.
If the mining proceeds, selling in those circumstances will be even more difficult and will only be achieved by substantially reducing the selling price.

During the construction of the 80 million dollar pipeline from Wyong to Mangrove Creek Dam, we endured much inconvenience from traffic delays, poor road conditions, mud and dust. If the mine proceeds this investment and inconvenience will have been for nought!

Where to go from here, this pristine and beautiful valley?

We love this valley, but anywhere we go, in this area, will be contaminated with coal dust from the proposed mine /coal dust!!

<u>Please re consider</u> approving this catastrophic mining approval, I can't believe that a country like ours would bastardise our land and pristine valley's just <u>for a price</u>, <u>With the profits all going overseas</u>.

Our grandchildren will all pay the price for this action.

Your sincerely,

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All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing! Edmund Burke