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Mr Chris Wilson
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Dear Chris,

Please note that I object to the Wallarrah 2 Longwall Coal Proposal (application number SSD-4974)

There are numerous environmental, health, water supply and social problems concerning the proposal. I will not repeat them here, as no doubt other citizens will have brought them to your attention.

My objection is predominantly based on an iron-clad, unambiguous guarantee from our current Premier, given at a public rally at Woodbury Park on 28 January 2009.

In this promise, in front of hundreds of people, and broadcast nationally on the TV and radio, and rather viral on the internet, Mr O'Farrell clearly states:

"The next Liberal-National government will ensure that mining cannot occur here, will ensure that mining can't occur in any water catchment area and will ensure that mining leases and mining exploration permits reflect that common sense. No ifs, no buts, a guarantee."

Furthermore, signed statements have been obtained confirming this position. I cannot see any ambiguity or confusion in the interpretation of that statement.

Mr O'Farrell relied on the claims to garner votes at the 2011 State election.

Further development at Wallarah 2 would be a fraudulent act committed against the people of New South Wales by the incumbent government. To allow it to proceed, after such a clear and unambiguous guarantee given by our Premier would be ludicrously obscene.

As a public servant, it is your duty to reject the proposal.

Thanks for your attention.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Deane