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## WALLARAH 2 COAL PROJECT

## Application Number SSD – 4974

I object to the The Wallarah 2 Coal project on the following grounds:-

- The project has the potential to affect up to 53% of our potable water catchment through rock fractures, transient pathways through the rock structure and subsidence.
- The project will increase morbidity through increased coal dust and is planned to have the rail head approximately 3 kms from Warnervale, the largest residential growth centre on the Central Coast. Prevailing winds carrying coal dust and fine particulate matter will mean increased lung impairment and more severe asthma for people living in a large area north of the Central Coast.
- The project will destroy the Jilliby and Dooralong valleys.
- The project will lose more water per day than can be replenished by rainfall.
- The project has the potential to make the Mardi to Mangrove pipeline an empty white elephant.
- The project will affect the JAMBA and CAMBA International Migratory Bird Treaties.
- The project is covered by the Wyong Water Catchment which was protected under a proclaimed NSW Statute in 1950. (Gazette No. 153 of the Local Government Act 1919, 1950). It should also be covered by the Aquifer Interference Policy and not proceed on these grounds alone.
- The project will adversely affect the environment, endangered ecological communities and aquatic flora and fauna.

I am strongly opposed to the Wallarah 2 Coal Project and urge that it be rejected.

Yours faithfully.

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