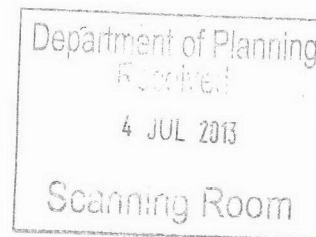


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Re: Wallarah 2 Coal Project

Dear Sir

This matter has been around from my knowledge from about 1996 when the Wyong Community Liason Committee was dealing with it.

It is an absolute given that Longwall Mining in particular does have a detrimental effect on the environment, places restrictions on other forms of development. This Company admits there is going to be subsidence even admitted to extent of said subsidence, not only does this place severe stress on the people whose properties are affected but must limit the use of certain affected areas for future use.

I am concerned about the air quality from this Mine – as well as for the Workers given the length of time they will work.

My greatest concern is their drain on our fresh water supply – from memory 24/7 for 28 years.

Three years ago Central Coast Residents were on the Highest Water Restrictions Level 3 – this was as result of a drought which this country experienced for some 5-7 years. To supply water to the Central Coast Area ratepayers had to pay for water to be transferred by pipeline from Newcastle/Hunter Area. . Australians are aware that we have an ever changing climate to deal with as evidenced by the recent devastation of firstly extreme flooding followed by dire conditions experienced from Fires. Property, Live Stock and Lives loss quite devastating.

I need a really good explanation as to just what restrictions would be placed on this Mining given the amount of water they are using on a daily basis 24/7 for 28 years. JUST WHAT RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE PLACED ON THEM AS TO THE WATER THEY ARE USING if and when we are experiencing a water shortage on the Central Coast. Is this Mine just given free access to our water – there sould be some independent body keeping a check on the water levels and just how much this Mine is utilising.

Yours faithfully

*Mrs. M. McGuinness*  
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N.B. Some time ago from NSW Planning Authority there was an estimation of the proposed increase population for the Central Coast – by a certain time frame – this increased population is of more concern with regard to protection of our water supply.