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Dear Sir,

RE: Proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Mine Project

It is with deep concern that I write regarding the above matter. I understand that the South Korean owned mining company Kores, have lodged a new application and EIS to revise the project.

The enclosed correspondence states that there are 245 households within the project area and directly above the "potential" subsidence zone of the proposed underground mine area.

Not only will the dwellings be exposed to subsidence but also hundreds of other rural structures and improvements such as driveways, in-ground pools, retaining walls, fencing, dams etc. Coal dust, noise, excessive road and rail movements will impact neighbouring residential suburbs such as Blue Haven, Woongarah, Warnervale, Hamlyn Terrace, Mardi and others.

Any suggestion of a coal mine operation adjacent to the largest residential growth area in the region is so absurd it beggars belief.

It should also be noted that residents living within the proposed boundaries draw their water from on-site rain water tanks located above and/or below ground level. Many of these tanks are of concrete construction and will be highly susceptible to subsidence. Even moderate damage will be irreparable.

Additionally, many rural properties are not connected to the sewer and have on-site treatment/storage systems. These are also located below ground level and are of concrete construction and susceptible to subsidence damage.

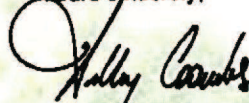
There is also the risk to the Wyong Water Catchment, a source of potable water for residents of the Central Coast.

I recall that in the run up to the 2011 NSW Election the Opposition Liberal/National Coalition vigorously opposed this project. Is this still the position of the Liberal/National Coalition now in Government?

Premier, as you can well appreciate the prospect of a coal mine beneath and adjacent to so many dwellings is causing a great deal of concern and anxiety. Subsidence at nearby Buff Point, Budgewoi Lake, Doylson and other suburbs is well known to many up here.

Please accept this letter as my formal objection to the proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Mine Project.

Yours sincerely,



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