

ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL COAST POULTRY CLUB I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COMMISSION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.

I REPRESENT THE 115 MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COAST POULTRY CLUB & THE 450 PEOPLE WHO SIGNED OUR PETITION IN SUPPORT OF WALLARAH 2.

THESE TWO GROUPS WERE ONLY COUNTED AS 2 SUBMISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF WALLARAH 2 IN THE EIS PLANNING ASSESSMENT PROCESS WHEN IN FACT IT REPRESENTS 555 INDIVIDUALS IN FAVOUR OF THE MINING PROJECT PROCEEDING.

HOW OUR CLUB CAME TO SUPPORT WALLARAH 2 WILL PROVIDE THE REASONS WHY WE THINK THE MINE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED.

AN OUTLINE OF EVENTS THAT LEAD US TO THE POSITION THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN, WAS THAT IN EARLY 2009 OUR CLUB; WHICH HAD EXISTED FOR 104 YEARS, FACED FOLDING DUE TO CHANGES AT WYONG RACE COURSE WHERE WE HAD RESIDED FOR 103 YEARS. OVER A 3 YEAR PERIOD WE APPROACHED ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO TRY AND FIND A NEW PLACE TO RELOCATE TO.

THE OFFICIALS WE APPROACHED CONSISTING OF, WYONG'S LOCAL MEMBERS BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL, MAYOR OF WYONG, OTHER COUNCILORS, WYONG COUNCIL OFFICERS, DEPT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE PIONEER DAIRY.

ALL IDENTIFIED US AS A "WYONG REGION NEEDING SUPPORT AND SAVING", NO SOLUTIONS WERE FOUND AFTER ALL SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED ENDING UP BEING REJECTED.

IN DESPARATION IN NOVEMBER 2011, I APPROACHED WALLARAH 2. THEY OFFERED THEIR SUPPORT BY WAY OF THE USE OF THEIR FACILITIES AT TUGGERAH WITH ONE CONDITION, THAT OUR MEMBERS TAKE THE TIME TO INVESTIGATE THE FACTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED COAL MINE, DUE TO THE EXISTING DIVIDED COMMUNITY POSITIONS.

THEN MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION WHETHER TO ACCEPT WALLARAH 2's OFFER OR NOT.

OUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS DIVERSE WITH MEMEBERS RANGING FROM BUILDERS, BUSINESSMEN, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, EVIROMENTIAL SCIENIST, MINERS, AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS, SCHOOL STUDENTS AND A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF THE CENTRAL COAST COMMUNITY. SOME ACTUALLY LIVE IN THE PROPOSED MINING AREA.

OUR EVLUATIONS TOOK THREE MONTHS AND FOUND THE FOLLOWING. ALSO NOTE THAT SINCE THEN FURTHER INFORMATION HAS COME TO LIGHT SUPPORTING OUR POSITION.

1. COAL DUST DOES KILL, HOWEVER THERE HAS NOT BEEN A REPORTED COMMUNITY DEATH ASSOCIATED TO COAL DUST IN AUSTRALIA IN THE LAST 10 YEAR ACCORDING TO ABS. DEATHS WERE ASSOCIATED TO MINERS WHO HAD WORKED IN THE INDUSTRY OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND ON AVERAGE REPRESENT 2 DEATHS A YEAR. WORK PLACE CONDITIONS HAVE SIGNIFICATELY IMPROVED MAKING MINING A LESS DANGEROUS WORK ENVIRONMENT.

2. NO MINING IS ALLOWED UNDER WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS DAMS & PIPELINES AND LEGISLATION ALREADY EXISTS PROVIDING PROTECTION TO THAT EFFECT. WE STUDIED THE REPORTS ON WATER EFFECTS IN THE MINING AREA WITH INPUT FROM A HYDROLOGIST. WE NOTE THAT RECENTLY OUR FINDING HAVE BEEN VINICATED BY NSW OFFICE OF WATER AND OTHER AUTHORITIES WHICH FOUND IN FAVOUR OF THE MINE PROCEEDING.

3. THE MINE IS A DEEP UNDERGROUND OPERATION WHICH WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICATE SURFACE NOISE ASSOCIATED WITH ITS OPERATION AND ITS LOADING FACILITY IS IN AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WHERE WE ARE SURE THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS WILL IMPOSE STRICT CONTROL CONDITIONS ON DUST AND WATER MANAGEMENT UNDER REGULAR REVIEW.

THE FACILITY IS 2.5KM AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS. NO ROAD TRANSPORT IS INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING THE COAL, IT IS ALL BY RAIL.

4. THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN TRAIN ACTIVITY UP TO A MAXIMUM OF AN EXTRA TRAIN APPROX. EVERY 4 HOURS BETWEEN BUSHELLS RIDGE AND NEWCASTLE. CARRIAGES COMPLY WITH CURRENT STATE RAIL REQUIREMENTS.

5. WITH THE MINES POLICY OF 70% LOCAL EMPLOYMENT INCLUDING A COMMITTEMENT TO INDIGIOUS EMPLOYMENT, THIS MEANS THE CENTRAL COAST EMPLOYMENT SHOULD INCREASE WITH HIGH SKILLED AND HIGH PAYING JOBS WITH A DEFINATE FLOW ON EFFECT ON THE ECOMONY OF THE CENTRAL COAST. THIS WAS IDENTIFIED BY SOME OF OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS WHO COMMUTE AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING ONE OF THESE HIGH SKILLED AND PAID JOBS & WORKING LOCALLY. TRAINING WILL BE ALSO PART OF THIS POLICY ONE OF OUR MEMBER HAVE ALREADY SPOKE TO A MINING TRAINING COMPANY WHO IS LIKELY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ROLE OF TRAINING.

5a. I Draw your attention to a local campaign. As reported in the local Express Advocate 18-3-14 The Central Coast has an unemployment figure higher than the state average and a youth unemployment figure approaching 30 per cent! We will highlight the need for jobs next week as part of our Fair Go for the Coast campaign.

THIS MINING PROJECT WILL PROVIDE LOCAL JOBS AND IF FAIR GO IS FAIR DINKUM THEN THEY SHOULD BE SUPPORTING THIS MINING PROJECT AS IT TICKS ALL THEIR BOXES.

6. WITH LOCAL JOB CREATION THERE WILL BE A DECREASE IN COMMUTER TRAFFIC ON M1 AND INCREASE SEATING ON COMMUTER TRAINS. THIS WAS IDENTIFIED BY MEMBERS WHO CURRENTLY COMMUTE.

7. TWO OF OUR MEMBERS PROVIDED INSIGHT OF THE STATE OF INVESTMENT IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ON THE CENTRAL COAST BOTH HAVE WORKED LOCALLY OVER 35 YEARS FOR A LARGE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING COMPANY AND THEY ASSOCIATE THE LACK OF BUILDING TO THE NEED FOR LOCAL INVESTMENT IN LARGE PROJECTS TO SIMULATE THE RECOVERY IN BUILDING INDUSTRY ON THE COAST.

9. THE PROPOSED COAL LOADER ADJOINS ANOTHER PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BY THE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL, AS DESCRIBED IN THE NEWCASTLE HEARLD 30-1-12.

THIS DEVELOPMENT COULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROTENTIAL WORK GENERATED BY THE MINE. THE PROPOSED RAIL SPUR ASSOCIATED WITH THE COAL LOADER PROTENTIAALLY COULD REDUCE ROAD TRAFFIC FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT IF THEY CHOOSE TO USE RAIL FRIEGHT AS AN OPTION.

10. WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN THE MANDALONG MINING AREA (A SIMILAR MINING OPERATION AS PROPOSED) WHOSE PROPERTY SUSTAINED MINOR SUBSIDENCE DAMAGE WHICH THEY WERE UNWARE OF UNTIL INFORMED BY THE MINE SUBSIDENCE BOARD. THEY REPORTED ON THEIR EXPERIENCE WHICH WAS POSITIVE AND RECTIFIED QUICKLY BY THE MINE SUBSIDENCE BOARD. WE ALSO SOUGHT INDEPENDENT ADVICE FROM A RETIRED GEOLOGIST FROM DEPT OF MINERAL RESOURCES ON THIS MATTER WHO INDICATE WITH THE DEPTH OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATION SIGNIFICATELY REDUCES THE RISK OF SUBSIDENCE. WE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AREA HAS BEEN DEEMED A MINE SUBSIDENCE AREA SINCE 9 APRIL 1997 AND ANYONE MOVING INTO THE AREA AFTER THAT TIME SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE THEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO MINING AT SOME STAGE.



SINCE OUR INITIAL INVESTIGATION WE NOTE THAT THE ALP CLAIMED IN THE EXPRESS ADVOCATED 28-3-14 THAT THE MINE AT MANDALONG HAS BEEN OPERATING WITHOUT ANY ISSUES AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AND THAT WAS WHY THE DID NOT SUPPORT A MEMBERS BILL PROPOSED BY THE GREENS WHICH WOULD OF STOPPED BOTH MINES. MANDALONG ALSO OPERATES IN A WATER CATCHMENT AREA THAT OF LAKE MACQUARIE.

11. KORES HAS DEMONSTRATED THEIR COMMITTMENT TO THE PROJECT AND THE COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL COAST HAVING ALREADY SPENT 20 YEARS HERE.

12. WE NOTE MANY MINING COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND WE BELIEVE WALLARAH 2 HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THEIR DESIRE TO BE A GOOD COMMUNITY SUPPORTER ALREADY SUPPORTING & CONTRIBUTING TO OVER 40 SUCH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS. THEY HAVE ALSO OFFERED A VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT WITH WYONG COUNCIL REPORTLY VALUED AT 20 MILLION DOLLARS AIMED AT THE COMMUNITY OF THE CENTRAL COAST.

13. OUR MEMBER WHO IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST, WHO'S PARENTS LIVE IN THE PROPOSED MINING AREA, INDICATED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROPOSED MINING OPERATION IS SMALL WITH ONLY TWO SURFACE LOCATIONS WHICH SHOULD HAVE MINIMAL AND MANAGEABLE EFFECTS ON FUNA & FLORA.

14. HISTORY OF ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

KORES HAS RECEIVED MULTIPLE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS FOR THEIR MINING OPERATIONS OVERSEAS THEY HAVE RECEIVED THESE AWARDS FROM THE FILIPINO GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY.

AFTER ALL THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THE MEMBERS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF SUPPORT FROM WALLARAH 2.

NOTE: THAT IF WALLARAH 2 WAS ABOVE GROUND OPEN CUT MINE OR COAL SEAM GAS EXTRACTION OPERATION THE CLUB MEMBERS WOULD OF VOTED NO EVEN IF IT MEANT OUR CLUB FOLDING.

OUR MEMBERS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT COMMUNITY BACKLASH WITH US ASSOCIATING WITH WALLARAH 2 IN FACT WE WERE SURPRISED ABOUT COMMUNITY SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY WHEN ACQUIRING SIGNATURES FOR OUR PETITION. SOME EVEN WERE PREPARE TO AND DID SUBMIT THEIR OWN SUBMISSIONS. WE DID NOT COUNT THEM AS ONE OF THE 555 IN FAVOUR OF WALLARAH 2 REPRESENTED HEAR TODAY.

WE DID FIND FEAR CREATED BY THE OPPONENTS OF THE MINE AN ISSUE. HOWEVER, IN THESE CASES WE ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO INVESTIGATE THE FACTS AS WE DID. IN MOST CASES THEY RETURNED LATER AND SIGNED OUR PETITION.

THIS BRINGS ME TO WHAT THEIR SUPPORT MEANS TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE CENTRAL COAST. FROM OUR CLUB'S POINT OF VIEW.

1. THE VALUE OF THEIR SUPPORT TO OUR CLUB IS \$700,000 THAT IS WHAT IT WOULD BE WORTH IF WE HAD TO BUILD A SIMILAR FACILITY. IT WILL PROVIDE OUR CLUB WITH 31 TO MAYBE 40 YEARS OF SECURITY.

2. THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR CLUB CONSISTING OF, MONTHLY AUCTIONS, POULTRY SHOWS AND EDUCATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO SCHOOL STUDENTS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURAL STUDIES NUMBERING 2,500 KIDS ANNUALLY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE.

OUR CLUB HAS BEEN INDEPENDENTLY ASSESSED BY THE CENTRAL COAST TOURISM ASSOCIATION TO BE WORTH \$550,000 TO THE CENTRAL COAST ECONOMY ANNUALLY OR APPROX. 18 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE 31 YEAR LIFE OF THE MINE BY TODAY'S STANDARDS. THERE IS A COPY OF THAT ASSESSMENT IN OUR ORIGINAL SUBMISSION.

THESE INDIRECT FLOWS ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE BENEFITS OF THE MINE BUT SHOULD BE IN OUR OPINION CONSIDERED IN THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS.

OUR CLUB WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITHOUT WALLARAH 2'S SUPPORT. THIS WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THESE ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS TO THE CENTRAL COAST.

ALSO REMEMBER WALLARAH 2 SUPPORTS OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, THEY MUST ALSO HAVE BENEFITS FLOWING BACK TO THE CENTRAL COAST COMMUNITY SUCH AS OURS. I KNOW SOME ORGANISATION WILL NOT HAVE A MONATARY VALUE BUT PROVIDE A SOCIAL BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE CENTRAL COAST.

IN SUMMING UP

WE RECOGNISE THIS PROCESS IS NOW INDEPENTENT OF POLITICS. ALL, OUR ORGANISATION IS ASKING IS TO TAKE THIS INFORMATION I HAVE PRESENTED TODAY INTO CONSIDERSTION AND PLEASE ASSESS THIS PROJECT ON THE FACTS NOT ON SOME OF THE FEAR WHICH HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT.

OUR CLUB THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

## 3303.0 Causes of Death, Australia, 2011

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**Table 1.1 Underlying cause of death, All causes, Australia, 2011**

<b>CHAPTER X Diseases of the respiratory system (J00-J99)</b>	<b>6,558</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>12,529</b>	<b>60.3</b>
Acute upper respiratory infections (J00-J06)	4	7	11	np
Acute nasopharyngitis [common cold] (J00)	0	0	0	—
Acute sinusitis (J01)	0	0	0	—
Acute pharyngitis (J02)	1	4	3	np
Acute tonsillitis (J03)	0	0	0	—
Acute laryngitis and tracheitis (J04)	4	0	4	np
Acute obstructive laryngitis [croup] and epiglottitis (J05)	4	0	4	np
Acute upper respiratory infections of multiple and unspecified sites (J06)	0	6	6	—
Influenza and pneumonia (J09-J18)	1,136	1,356	2,492	10.7
Influenza due to certain identified influenza virus (J09)	13	9	22	np
Influenza due to other identified influenza virus (J10)	6	7	13	np
Influenza, virus not identified (J11)	11	22	33	np
Viral pneumonia, not elsewhere classified (J12)	7	4	11	np
Pneumonia due to Streptococcus pneumoniae (J13)	11	6	17	np
Pneumonia due to Haemophilus influenzae (J14)	2	3	4	np
Bacterial pneumonia, not elsewhere classified (J15)	33	24	57	0.3
Pneumonia due to other infectious organisms, not elsewhere classified (J16)	2	0	3	np
Pneumonia, organism unspecified (J18)	1,053	1,283	2,336	10.0
Other acute lower respiratory infections (J20-J22)	42	69	111	0.4
Acute bronchitis (J20)	5	6	11	np
Acute bronchiolitis (J21)	2	4	3	np
Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection (J22)	36	61	97	0.3
Other diseases of upper respiratory tract (J30-J39)	20	18	38	0.2
Vasomotor and allergic rhinitis (J30)	0	0	0	—
Chronic rhinitis, nasopharyngitis and pharyngitis (J31)	0	0	0	—
Chronic sinusitis (J32)	1	3	1	np
Nasal polyp (J33)	0	0	0	—
Other disorders of nose and nasal sinuses (J34)	0	0	0	—
Chronic diseases of tonsils and adenoids (J35)	0	1	3	—
Peritonsillar abscess (J36)	4	0	1	np
Chronic laryngitis and laryngotracheitis (J37)	0	0	0	—
Diseases of vocal cords and larynx, not elsewhere classified (J38)	9	3	13	np
Other diseases of upper respiratory tract (J39)	9	12	21	np
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	3,483	3,087	6,570	31.7
Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic (J40)	13	16	29	np
Simple and mucopurulent chronic bronchitis (J41)	0	4	1	—
Unspecified chronic bronchitis (J42)	11	6	17	np
Emphysema (J43)	358	246	604	3.2
Other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (J44)	2,896	2,330	5,226	26.4
Asthma (J45)	113	258	371	1.0
Status asthmaticus (J46)	2	5	7	np
Bronchiectasis (J47)	90	224	314	0.8
Lung diseases due to external agents (J60-J70)	897	584	1,481	8.4
Coalworker's pneumoconiosis (J60)	2	0	4	np
Pneumoconiosis due to asbestos and other mineral fibres (J61)	121	2	125	1.1
Pneumoconiosis due to dust containing silica (J62)	9	0	9	np
Pneumoconiosis due to other inorganic dusts (J63)	2	3	2	np
Unspecified pneumoconiosis (J64)	0	0	0	—

Pneumoconiosis associated with tuberculosis (J65)	0	0	0	—
Airway disease due to specific organic dust (J66)	0	0	0	—
Hypersensitivity pneumonitis due to organic dust (J67)	3	2	5	np
Respiratory conditions due to inhalation of chemicals, gases, fumes and vapours (J68)	1	3	1	np
Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids (J69)	756	574	1,330	7.1
Respiratory conditions due to other external agents (J70)	1	4	5	np
Other respiratory diseases principally affecting the interstitium (J80-J84)	625	429	1,054	5.7
Adult respiratory distress syndrome (J80)	9	5	14	np
Pulmonary oedema (J81)	17	26	43	np
Pulmonary eosinophilia, not elsewhere classified (J82)	1	4	5	np
Other interstitial pulmonary diseases (J84)	596	396	992	5.5
Suppurative and necrotic conditions of lower respiratory tract (J85-J86)	25	14	39	0.2
Abscess of lung and mediastinum (J85)	7	4	10	np
Pyothorax (J86)	18	11	29	np
Other diseases of pleura (J90-J94)	42	48	90	0.4
Pleural effusion, not elsewhere classified (J90)	32	42	74	0.3
Pleural plaque (J92)	1	0	3	np
Pneumothorax (J93)	1	3	6	np
Other pleural conditions (J94)	1	3	7	np
Other diseases of the respiratory system (J95-J99)	284	359	643	2.6
Postprocedural respiratory disorders, not elsewhere classified (J95)	0	0	0	—
Respiratory failure, not elsewhere classified (J96)	22	29	51	0.2
Other respiratory disorders (J98)	262	330	592	2.4