

SUBMISSION OPPOSING WALLARAH 2 COAL PROJECT

The Director,
Planning Services,
Dept. of Planning & Environment,
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY 2001

Re: Wallarah 2 Coal Project SSD 4974 - Amended Development Application

We wish to object to the current ADA on exhibition as above, as well as lodging our strongest objection to the entire project.

Our objection is based on the extreme danger to persons residing in the immediate area of this project and beyond and in particular with respect to Dust. There is no attempt to cover the coal wagons, as they travel north towards the suburbs of Newcastle and along the way via Lake Macquarie.

The Central Coast residents of Blue Haven and Wyee would be extremely vulnerable if this project proceeds, as they would be in close proximity (within distances of 200 and 400 metres respectively) to the absorption of dust particles compounded by noise pollution 24 hours a day. Within these residential areas, there are also schools and pre-schools that would be adversely affected. We refer you to a Submission by Dr. Peter Lewis, Area Director of Public Health, North Sydney who articulates his concern with respect to children and persons already affected with ill health.

Noise excesses and massive subsidence, as outlined in earlier submissions remain of great concern. The poor performance of the Mine Subsidence Board in recent times with respect to recognizing Claims in NSW, leaves us with no confidence in the existing system.

Aside from the additional risk to the entire Central Coast Water Supply, it beggars belief that this project is proceeding at all when you consider the parent company "Kores" is withdrawing from overseas developments due to massive debt ratios, as outlined in the Korean press. To suggest that there is some prospect of additional jobs for our community is offensive to our intelligence. We are all aware that there are many miners north of our district who, having been retrenched in recent times, remain at the "head in the queue" if and when jobs become available.

In summary, as parents and grandparents we are extremely concerned that this project may go ahead despite the many and various demonstrated risks to the Central Coast community's environment and health and we appeal to your better judgment and ethics in your deliberations.

Yours faithfully,

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