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The Director,
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**Re WALLARH 2 COAL PROJECT SSD 4974 AMENDED DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATION**

I wish to object to the current ADA on exhibition and also to the further progression of the mine proposal itself. The application portrays the economic benefits and job figures clearly for the whole project and does not confine itself clearly to this Amendment alone.

Kores is withdrawing from overseas development due to massive debt ratios, as recently expressed in the Korean press and that future job prospects, development and most importantly environmental repair, compensation and rehabilitation have little hope of being realised.

Points of Objection:

1. The ADA states that royalties to the State over the proposed and improbable 28 years life of the mine is \$200 million, which equates to just over \$7 million per annum. With falling coal prices and Government concessional rebates this figure is inflated. Taking into account the costs of repair and rehabilitation, particularly in the Jilliby Valley water catchment and Hue Hue subdivisions following subsidence, it easily negates the benefits to the State and local authorities.
2. Dust, Health and Noise. Dust is a real issue in the Blue Haven and Wyee precincts. There is no attempt to cover coal wagons, which will travel through the southern suburbs to Newcastle affecting all those communities of southern Lake Macquarie and Newcastle as has been demonstrated in the Hunter to Port line.
Some areas of Blue Haven and Wyee will now be as close as 200 and 400 metres respectively from the new proposal bringing even greater problems for families in the area for both constant dust and noise 24 hours per day. There are many schools, pre-schools and establishments within 5 kms of the facility and they will suffer from emissions from the site.
3. Massive subsidence figures represented in the proponents EIS affect 245 homes and their infrastructure. 86 are destined to suffer metre or more drop right up to 2.3 metres and the valley floor suffering subsidence up to 1.8 metres fall right up to 2.6 metres near the Jilliby Conservation Area.

The damage that will occur to the water catchment area ie the water currently in our creeks and waterways will find its way into the mine. Hence we will have no surface water available for use and water in lower aquifers will also dry up for the same reasons.

Longwall coal mining is not appropriate for this rapidly growing community of the Central Coast. I ask the State Government to heed the wishes of this community, to provide strong environmental leadership and **STOP THE MINE**.

Family members have resided in this area for over 50 years and we will probably move into the area in the future. I therefore instruct the Government on our behalf to refuse any future development of the coal mine.



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