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The Director
Department of Planning and Environment

**AMENDED APPLICATION – SSD 4674
WALLAHRA2**

It is critical for children to have safe out-door environments to further their development and for balanced health. We should be providing at the minimum surety for the young families of the Central Coast that their kids will have an environment of clean water and air for the next generations to grow in.

The proposed amended corridor for the Wallahra2 is blatantly irresponsible and has disregard for human health now and for the future. It is earmarked to be within 260metres of Blue Haven where people live and businesses operate, including Child-care centres.

Children don't get in a car and drive away during the day. They play outdoors and Wallahra2 will have them breathing their unsealed coal dust from 620 carriages passing four times a day for 28 years. Consider the stress on the health system from the related diseases it will cause.

The omnipresent issues of polluted air are the same for the drinking water. The original application still hasn't addressed the vulnerability it will cause to the water catchment region and no improvements have been included in this amended application. This is a dry continent, people can only live on the coastal seaboard where there is water. Water catchment should not be jeopardised at any cost. The risk is too high.

Build a mine and you will destroy a community and their health so every-one will lose. We should innovatively supply the South Korean Government with renewable solar technology. The use of fossil fuel is a degenerative industry; it will soon make us extinct like the dinosaurs. The coal industry has detrimental effects as being a considerable contributor to chaos of global warming.

Time to stop endorsing these industries for our own survival. Protection of our water, air and other natural resources is imperative. The amended application doesn't adequately address these issues. It is not in the public interest and should be refused.

Consider seriously. One of your loved ones may suffer from these consequences.

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