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Director
State Significant Projects
Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Dear Sir/Madam

Amended Development Application SSD - 4974 – Wallarah 2 Coal Mine

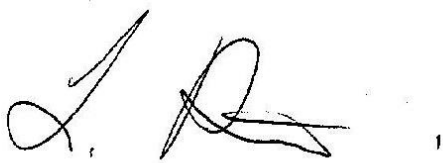
I write to object to the amended development proposal lodged on 22 July 2016 on behalf of Wyong Areas Coal Joint Venture. My objections are shown below:

- 1) There is insufficient detail in the amended Development Application to enable the public to consider it. There are no detailed drawings of the proposed infrastructure (only standard pro-forma drawings are provided). There is little detail of the conveyor system and whether it is enclosed sufficiently.
- 2) The proposal to transport coal via a conveyor along Tooheys Road and adjacent to the main north- south rail corridor has the following outcomes:
 - From the limited information provided I assume that the conveyor will be enclosed on 2 sides only. Coal dust will enter the air from the 3rd side.
 - There is mention that the coal will be dampened but there is no mention on where the water supply will come from.
 - The amended development applications proposes 64 carriage trains be loaded with coal in a rail siding on the eastern side of the main Sydney – Newcastle rail line on a 24 hour per day, 7 days per week basis. The trains will be stopping and starting as the loader fills each carriage. The diesel engines will be continuously running through this procedure. The noise will be loud and consistent throughout the process.
 - The conveyor and coal loader are less than 300 metres from the existing residential area of Blue Haven and the proposed residential areas along Wyee Road and Bushells Ridge Road. The noise and dust that will be experienced in these residential areas will be above acceptable levels for residential properties. The amended development application has only considered the noise from the north as if it was industrial land.
 - The proposed conveyor system and coal loading structure are in the immediate vicinity of several riparian zones (being arms of Spring Creek). The dust and debris that will enter Spring Creek (and ultimately Tuggerah Lake) are unacceptable.
 - The Applicant has not reached agreement with land owners (Boral and RMS) to install the conveyor system in their land.

- 3) The Wyong River and Creek, Wyong catchment weir and the 'pump pool' for Mardi Dam are located within the horizontal subsidence zone of the proposed coal mine project. This horizontal subsidence zone also encroaches on the northern boundary of Mardi Dam and a portion of the dam itself, which was proclaimed water catchment in 1987. I am a resident who lives on the Wyong River. The River is rich in aquatic life and bird life. This mine will effect both. The Central Coast experiences water shortages without a coal mine causing losses to water sources.
- 4) The use of coal as an energy source is outdated. The Australian government should be investing in research and development of alternative energy sources rather than investing (both morally and financially) into a dying industry.
- 5) Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council have invested heavily in the development of the Bushells Ridge area. Their proposals will result in as much economic return to the Central Coast as the proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Mine. Their economic development of the area will not only result in a boost to the lives of the Aboriginal community of the coast but a huge economic return to the community as a whole. The flow on effect of their developments will also result in substantial savings to the federal government of Australia.

Please consider the above points and those raised in all objections submissions and determine the amended proposal with a refusal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Hamilton', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lynne Hamilton