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Amended Development Application - Wallarah 2 Coal Project SSD 4974

I would like to advise of my objection to the amended Development Application by KORES which is currently on exhibition (in the same way I object to the whole mine proposition itself).

Given that:

- as mentioned in recent media, KORES is withdrawing from overseas development and so are probably pushing to get this mine through in order to off-load it and recoup some of their costs;
- the use of coal is fast becoming an outmoded form of energy generation; and
- the water catchment of the Central Coast will be put at risk;
- hundreds of houses, roads and properties will be damaged or ruined by subsidence and the resultant loss of water,

I find it difficult to understand how the Government could even entertain the idea of allowing a mine to go ahead in a growing residential area.

Even the PAC noted that the project "predicts risk of reduced availability of water for the Central Coast Water Supply". The consultant's (MER) suggestion that "after more than 500 years, water levels in the workings (in the Jiliby Creek/Wyong creek catchment) are predicted to have recovered (and not be of concern)" is simply ludicrous. Moreover, the subsidence will impact dams and infrastructure (eg pipelines to storage dams) that Gosford and Wyong Council have put into place to secure the water supply, given how close we have come to running out of water in the not so distant past.

Asthma is already a huge problem on the Central Coast, and will be exacerbated by the 24/7 running of coal trains and loaders, as coal dust can travel on light breezes. In fact this issue will spread all the way to Newcastle, as the coal wagons will not be covered. There are already schools, kindergartens and other facilities within 5 kms of the proposed site where the most vulnerable of our society, our children, spend a great part of their lives.

It is totally inappropriate to build a coal loading facility near a residential area, let alone risk losing even a part of the water catchment for a region that is still growing.

Yours faithfully



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