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Attention: Director Mining and Industry Projects
Re: Watermark Coal Mine
App No.: SSD – 4975, Watermark Coal Project

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I am a Liverpool Plains Landholder and a member of the Caroon Coal Action Group. Most of my family are either landholders or employed in the agricultural industry in the Spring Ridge Quirindi area.

I object to the proposed Shenhua Watermark Coal Mine at Breeza NSW.

I am writing in support of all comments, issues and recommendations documented in the CCAG submission and attached reports.

During the public exhibition period I spent a substantial amount of time with many of the residents of Breeza and many of the Liverpool Plains landholders including landholders that are located within 5km's of the project radius in my role as Public Officer for the Caroon Coal Action Group Inc. (CCAG). The community are very concerned about the impact mining will have on their health and wellbeing, the environment, the flora and fauna, the potential risks to the agricultural industry and the loss of productivity to an area known for its fertile soils and abundant water.

The scientific reports prepared for the CCAG submission cost the community tens of thousands of dollars. These reports identified numerous inconsistencies and deficiencies in the Shenhua EIS. As highlighted in the CCAG submission the EIS does not address all of the Director General and SEWPAC requirements. This EIS should not have been published by the Government if it did not meet its own requirements. Time and again we see reckless decisions being made where the precautionary principle is not adopted and the outcome is in favour of the Miners. Unfortunately it is necessary for communities to obtain their own independent scientific studies to protect themselves, however I do not think communities should be funding reports where the EIS was obviously incomplete and had been with the Department of Planning from November 2012 until February 2013.

Recommendation – the Caroon Coal Action Group Inc. be refunded for the cost of the Earth System independent review and Economics at Large economic review.

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Other issues that require further investigation with this project are:

- the proponents forecasted coal production figures appear to far outweigh the current ports capabilities
- the impact on tax and royalty benefits if Shenhua Watermark transfer the coal from Shenhua Watermark Coal Pty Limited to Shenhua Australia Holdings Pty Limited or the parent company Shenhua Overseas Development & Investment Co.
- the need for potable water to be trucked to the mine site where there is access to abundant groundwater and the infrastructure for the collection of rain water. This action can only confirm the miners believe the water will be contaminated and not safe for drinking or personal use therefore the need to obtain it outside their mine area. Unfortunately this may not be affordable or feasible for the Breeza residents and local landholders therefore they will be consuming the polluted water