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Dear Sir/Madam

This is Yuwen Chang. I am writing on behalf of my families (My parents and my two sisters) to save the Southern Highland. We live in 124 Medway Road, Berrima NSW. We have bought our property and moved into Southern Highland in 2005. As a migrated family, we have been amazed by the friendly residents, beautiful environment, rich cultures, and invaluable history of Southern highlands.

Since we moved into this area, we have been told that this place is a reserved area for water. The wingecaribee council and highland residents have done everything they can to protect this land. We have witnessed the love and care of the local government and people have for their home and land. We have seen how careful the local people are when looking after the environment. It's not only for them; it's for their children, grand children and grand grand children. The damages of mining to the environment are irreversible. This mining project will destroy the highlands. We trade our environment with money today, but money can never get it back. There are too many examples in other countries.

I am a Master student of Urban and Regional planning in the University of Sydney. Southern highlands is already expanding and has a great potential to grow into a green city, which can be a model of many Australian villages. It is a place where we can demonstrate on how to live with nature, the better use of green energy, the development of a better planned city, and the reservation of the environment and water resource. It is sad to see the State Government is only passion to the short term revenue and willing to exchange it with the opportunity of the long term development, the quality of the resident's life, and the hope of next generation.

I hope we can all be proud to speak to our children in the near future with regards to a wise and correct decision we made together today.

The decision is in your hand.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Yuwen Chang

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