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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Angus Place Coal Mine Extension**

Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley is not fundamentally opposed to the mining of coal in the Regional Blue Mountains area.

However, it is important to note that the Resort occupies nearly 7,000 acres of the Wolgan Valley, employs over 100 people and, like many of the of the Wolgan Valley residents, is dependent on the water resources of both Carne Creek and Wolgan River. Any stoppage or change to the river flows presents a significant risk, with potentially catastrophic consequences for the Wolgan Valley environment and ongoing Resort operations.

Our dependency on these important water sources are both for environmental and commercial business purposes. As a 7,000 acre accredit Conservation Reserve, Carne Creek provides a pristine waterway used for drinking water and other Resort operations. It provides a habitat for the native platypus living within it and acts as an important water source for many other native species residing in the valley. Having experienced long periods of drought since opening in 2009, without an effective and continue flow of water from both rivers, the Resort would simply not be able to function.

The Resort undertook extensive testing of bores in the valley prior to opening. The water table was found to be too salty for use. Therefore, should the water sources of Carne Creek and Wolgan River ever be compromised, the potential risk of the Resort ceasing operations is significant.

We hereby consequently request:

1. That any approval to proceed ensures that the head-waters and river flow of both Wolgan River and Carne Creek be protected and remain free of any mining water discharge.
2. That the culturally significant Wiradjuri rock art site (located at Aboriginal Place Maiyingu Marragu formerly known as "Blackfellows Hands") also be protected from any mining action.
3. That that extension duration of the proposal be tied to the Mt Piper Power station. If the power station closes, so does the mine.

The Resort has not made political donations or gifts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely



Tim Stanhope

General Manager