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Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Submission to the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project (SSI-33143123)

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project.

Since 2010, Wingecarribee Shire Council (Council) has adopted a policy of opposition to longwall mining and any new coal mine in the Shire because of the concerns it has over potential impacts on groundwater, water catchments, agricultural land and tourism.

Council resolutions on this issue include:

- <u>THAT</u> all submissions state clearly up front Wingecarribee Shire Council's policy in opposition to <u>Longwall Mining</u> and Coal Seam gas exploration / production. (MN501/10)
- THAT Council reaffirm its policy to oppose all longwall mining in the Shire. (MN501/10)
- <u>THAT</u> Council reaffirm our longstanding opposition of Coal Seam Gas; <u>Longwall Mining</u> and exploration in the Shire <u>and to all new Coal Mining</u> (excluding all current activities conducted by Boral) in the Wingecarribee Shire and within water catchment areas until there is conclusive evidence that these activities will not harm aquifers or agricultural land. (CW260/12)
- THAT in keeping with Council's opposition to all "new mining" in the Shire, Council declare the Shire a Longwall and Coal Seam Gas Free Shire. (CW266/12)
- <u>THAT</u> Council reinforce our position and concerns in relation to the potential impacts upon our water, farmland, tourism and our natural environment from mining. (MN477/15)

Working with you

If you require any further information on this matter please contact Council's Manager Environment and Sustainability, Mr Barry Arthur, on Phone: 4868 0852 during normal business hours. Please note, Council reserves the right to make a further submission on this project should an impact to the Shire be later identified.

Yours sincerely

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**Director Communities and Place**