

To whom it may concern,

Re: Opposition to the Dendrobium Mine Expansion

As long-term residents of Windy Gully/Kembla Heights, we are writing to oppose the amended Dendrobium Mine Expansion due to the following major concerns:

1. It's almost unthinkable that coal mine expansions continue to be reviewed in 2022, despite the undeniable severity of climate change – which is already being felt so significantly here in Australia. The expansion of any coal mine (this one included) contradicts the countries strategic direction and goals for carbon reduction.
2. While the number of aboriginal heritage sites impacted by the expansion of Area 5 is reduced from previous applications, there are still 6 sites of archaeological significance that will be affected. These sites have been identified in the EIS and by the local Indigenous community as areas of cultural importance.
3. This development is not state significant, and we do not believe that the commercial success of Bluescope depends on this expansion. Bluescope (like other private sector businesses) is working towards zero-carbon steel manufacture in the long term anyway.

We are saddened that this application is even being considered in 2022, in lieu of sustainable energy initiatives that align with the federal governments zero-carbon targets – rather than contradict it. This application poses increased environmental risk in our area and overlays onto important local Aboriginal heritage sites of significance. We sincerely hope that this application is denied and that our state government starts leading us into technologies of the future rather than entertaining proposals such as this.

Sincerely,
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