Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly object to the proposed Bylong Coal Development.

The Munghorn Gap Road has been identified as the only road available for over sized-overmass vehicles moving heavy machinery and construction materials. They will all pass through Wollar Village. This presents a significant and unacceptable road safety hazard.

- The Bylong coal project is unacceptable and must not be granted consent.
- It will cause the loss of 319 hectares of strategic agricultural land and nearly 700 hectares of land that is mapped as part of the equine critical industry cluster. Such lands should be permanently and securely made off-limits to any kind of mining activity.
- The coal company, KEPCO, owns and controls nearly half the available water in the Bylong River water source and intends to redirect this water from irrigated agriculture to open cut mining. Over 440 hectares of land that currently supports irrigated agriculture will no longer do so if the mine goes ahead.
- The impacts of this project on agricultural land and water are the worst ever seen for a coal mine proposal in this state and could have far reaching consequences. There must be a limit to where mining can occur. Open-cutting strategic agricultural land and equine critical industry cluster land clearly crosses a line that must not be crossed.
- If the so called “independent” PAC allows this tragedy to take place it will be yet another illustration of the criminals allowed to make decisions for the long term future of this state.

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