

TO THE PLANNING ASSESSMENT COMMISSION

REFERENCE TO WALLARAH 2 COAL PROJECT

3 NOVEMBER AT WYONG GOLF CLUB

I ROBERT HOLLAND & FAMILY ARE OPPOSED TO THIS COAL MINE

Does anybody actually read my submission or is it a case of the Planning Commission only listen to people with a long list of degrees and letter after their name. Just a thought why don't they buy an already existing mine? Recently AGL I think, announced the closure of Liddell coal fire coal mine. Why don't they buy it, modernise it and produce power and provide coal for export.

We are opposed to this mine. I'm not good at writing this sort of submission. I won't be able to attend, what is it the 4th one of these meetings due to family commitments. I wonder if the people from the commission lived in this area their decision would be the same. Or is it what they've been told to approve this due to the \$ the NSW government will get from the company (Korean government).

One need to ask why the Planning Commission, hasn't stopped this coal mine. Australia is basically a dry country. This is what I was taught at school some 40 years ago. Wasn't it some years ago that we were being told by print and radio and other media . The current dam water levels, on a weekly basis. Getting down to from memory around 15% on the Central Coast. Also at present we are going through our driest period since records started over 100 years ago. Any chance of affecting this is unacceptable. This mine head is only 300M from my home. There was a map showing the footprint of

mine it is in the bottom 1/3 of the water catchment unacceptable. Not to mention buried in a report that there is likely to be mine subsidence from not much to 1.5M or more with water aquifers disappearing into the ground. (More on this later)!? Last week we had to buy water for the first time in 5 to 6 years. My brother a keen bush walker has told me that in other areas he has walked where mining has occurred. Some creeks that have been flowing for many years now disappear into the ground due to mining or related activities. Unacceptable also is company greed not caring about what is good for the environment and all about profits. To hell what the impact is to people that live in the area. Rain flows into Porters Creek catchment, then Wyong River and Tuggerah Lakes. Recently council completed pumping station to pump water to Mangrove Mountain dam. Mining will impact on providing water to the rapidly expanding Central Coast also unacceptable.

This project will provide coal so Korea can power industry to produce more cheap cars and many other items. We all get told to live within our means if they can't, maybe they shouldn't. You or we should be concerned about global warming, or doesn't that matter. So long as Korea can produce cheap cars. As the ads on TV promote the benefits of coal being only 45% efficient, new technology becomes available. We all should be concerned. After all they don't care about us the people that have bought and live in the area. So long as we buy cheap Korean cars & etc.

Mine subsidence. One report showed the effects of this mine subsidence. From this Wallarah 2 mine would not affect my home as it shows any subsidence would stop on the centre of Hue Hue Rd,

this being approximately 50M from my home. As my home has minor affects of mine subsidence already without the affects of a new long haul mine, is bull dust. Probably not allowed to say bull shit! Not to mention some people's homes would probably be unliveable. I have heard of some people talking of the extreme difficulties dealing with the mine subsidence board, supposedly being there to mitigate the affect of mine subsidence on those affected. After all the mining companies have already taken the coal got their profit so what do they care about people affected. Once the damage has happened it is too late. You only have to look around Singleton to see what an unnatural landscape mining has produced. Why put a mine in a rural residential area? All relevant information about mine subsidence & how bad it is for our water catchment seems to be buried deep in the many thousands of page report.

I forgot to mention the M1 or F3 Free Way from Sydney to Newcastle. From Tuggerah to almost Morisset both north and south bound lanes have cracks running around 10KM in each direction. Over the years the Roads & Maritime the old DMT has spent millions on pinning these cracks & filling them with some sort of epoxy so motor bikes presumably wouldn't get caught in them. In some places replacing entire slabs of concrete due to subsidence on south bound approximately 5KM from the Warnervale interchange and Sparks Rd. There is a stretch of road that is quite rough as the concrete has been replaced piece meal over the years. They are currently widening the free way and replacing the existing cracked concrete. How many millions of \$ do you think that is costing the motorists that use the M1! But I suppose, this doesn't count as the \$ to fix this come from a different bucket of money paid for by the motorists paying levies, fees & taxes imposed on the motorists of NSW by the NSW government to pay for fixing the roads. If there were no mines

imagine how much \$ could have been spent to repair or fix other black spots thought NSW saving lives.

As far as benefits to the local economy discounting what royalties or kickback the government would receive. Which probably considerable! Perhaps this is why this mine hasn't been stopped. Apart from some support to local organisation to show how wonderful the mining company is trying to persuade locals the virtues of this mine. It has been shown in the past that it doesn't or won't provide the large sums of \$ they told us it would provide to the local community with employment and work for local business. Would imagine all the equipment and infrastructure to build this mine would be made in Korea and shipped & trucked to site. At Blue Haven the coal loader would be right behind houses. Air borne coal dust, not to mention equipment used to load the coal & train noise should be a concern. Not to mention the other infrastructure used to move the coal to the rail head. Conveyer belts towers etc.

The previous Wyong council was opposed to this mine. The new Central Coast Council, CEO is supposedly interested in the environment. Hopefully they are still opposed to this mine. But it would appear local councils don't have any say in what happens in the local area they are suppose to administer for and on behalf of resident that live there if there is considerable financial gain for the state government.

Recent, can't remember if it was NSW, QLD bought back a lease for a coal mine. Hope you don't suggest this just tell to bugger off and leave it in the ground.

I would rather be working in my shed than write this. I am spending a whole day writing this. Over the years this has been hanging around I am passionate about where I live and don't want it

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destroyed. The government says all good things about the environment but when it comes to \$ they can get for very little outlay it would appear a different matter. In the past when some company wanted to do coal seam gas extraction. It was stopped due to the potential damage of our water catchment. This long haul coal seam mine should be emphatically stopped never to be heard of again. Or is it a case of \$ for NSW government, or if they want to pursue this keep submitting, knowing you have to follow due processes. Until some idiot in government approves this mine. What I would like the NSW government to have the balls to say no more. Sinking this mine to the bottom of the San Andreas fault, is the Australian right thing to do not providing profit. Why does it keep raising its ugly head?

You, yes that means the Planning Assessment Commission. What is your business statement? Is it to do the right thing by the people and country which one hopes you are part of? Or is it to provide to other countries that don't care about us so long as they get what they want - moneys to our government. How can you maintain your impartiality if the people in the Planning Commission are paid their probably excessive salaries? If this mine goes ahead I want the people to come and live on top of it. I bet they won't want to leave their trendy lifestyles in the city. As you can guess I'm starting to get emotional about this so better stop. You will probably file my submission in the bin for pointing the finger at you for allowing to go on this long.

I would very much like to hear from one of those bureaucrats making the decision on this but I would put money on it that they want to hide behind the anonymous ambiguity of being nameless faceless pen pusher that doesn't have to face the people when it goes wrong

or have to face the results of their action because by then they will be retired living nowhere near a coal mine.

So I encourage the Planning Commission to put a stop to this coal mine. For the future of our water supply on the central Coast and future generations that want to enjoy living in a natural environment not encumbered by another coal mine.

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